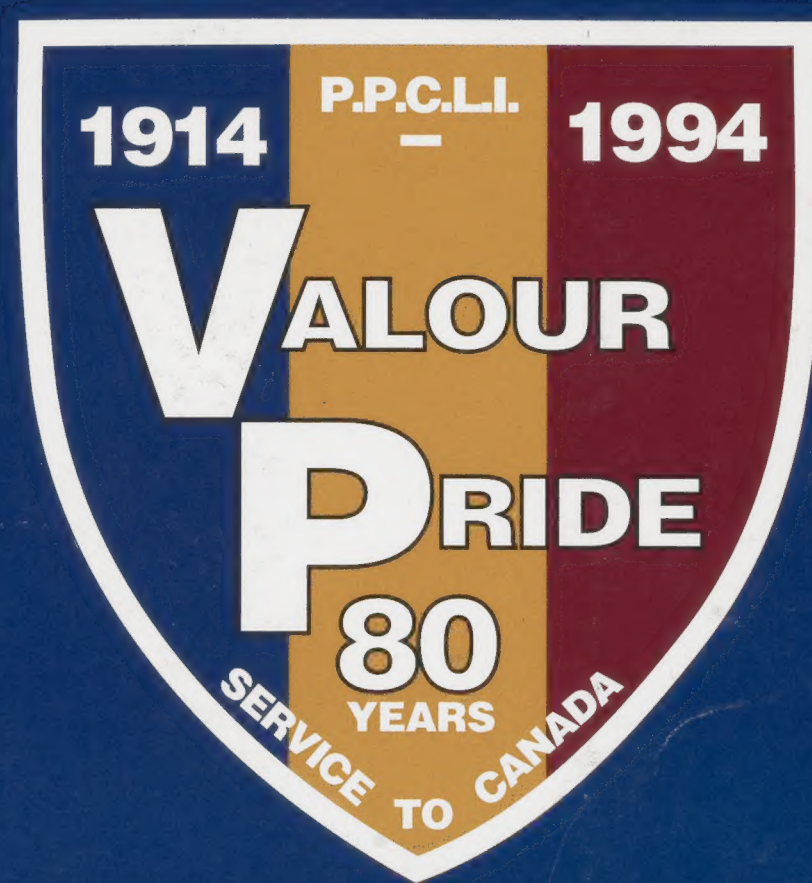




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Message from the Colonel-in-Chief

The celebrations during 1994 of the 80th Anniversary of the Raising of our Regiment, in all the battalions, were as successful and enjoyable as the meticulous planning had ensured. I was so very pleased to be able to join in these celebrations, both formal and informal and that my eldest son and daughter-in-law (whose mother comes from Okotoks, Alberta), Lord and Lady Romsey, were able to join me.

The only sad event during the celebrations was the closure of the Work Point Barracks, home to the Patricias in Victoria for 75 years. My very first visit as a new and nervous Colonel-in-Chief in 1974 was to Third Battalion and I was struck at once by the wonderful setting of Work Point.

The re-constituted Third Battalion, now based on the mainland in Chilliwack, is breaking pioneering ground in the way it combines militia and regular soldiers. But the Patricia tradition of excellence will, I am sure, transcend the many difficulties in setting a new pattern.

During August in 1994, I was also able, with my husband, Lord Brabourne, to make a third visit to Croatia to see First Battalion - another most interesting and stimulating experience. I am so pleased to have been able to visit all three of my battalions in different locations in Croatia while engaged in their extremely difficult and testing peacekeeping duties.

During the twenty years that I have had the honour and pleasure of being your Colonel-in-Chief, I never cease to admire the professional ability, devotion to duty and spirit of enterprise which enthuses the Patricias. I am so happy to be a member of the Regiment, for which I have such a very great admiration and affection.

Colonel of the Regiment

Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry



Major-General C.W. Hewson, CMM, CD

Message from the Colonel of the Regiment

The 80th Anniversary Reunion last July at the Home Station was a huge success thanks to the efforts of Calgary Branch of the Association, First Battalion Rear Party, Regimental Headquarters, and all those who attended. One of the ceremonial events was the transfer of Colonel of the Regiment responsibilities from MGen Herb Pitts to myself. I am delighted and proud to be back in Regimental service and commit myself to do all that I can to further the interests of the Regiment during these challenging times. Throughout his three plus years in the appointment the dedication of MGen Pitts and his genuine concern for all ranks serving and retired has been exemplary. Typically he has moved on to other challenges but will continue his commitment to the Patricias and we will welcome his counsel.

1994 included many other momentous events. Third Battalion departed Work Point Barracks in style and has reconfigured itself as a 10/90 battalion with headquarters in Chilliwack. This blending of regular and militia in one unit is still experimental. There are some obvious limitations but, you can be sure, the trial will receive our best effort. For the First Battalion the year was devoted to service in UNPROFOR with the battalion forming CANBAT 1 in the Krajina and providing a company to CANBAT 2 in Bosnia. Both units were up to the operational challenges they faced and the

deployment by CANBAT 1 into the Zone of Separation was an enormous undertaking extremely well executed.

1994 was another demanding year for the Colonel-in-Chief. Accompanied by Lord and Lady Romsey she assisted the Third Battalion in its farewell to Victoria; fully participated in all aspects of the 80th Anniversary Reunion; visited members of the Battle School and the Loyal Edmonton Regiment in Camp Wainwright and visited the Second Battalion in Winnipeg. The following month, accompanied by Lord Brabourne, she visited First Battalion in Croatia. The Regiment is truly blessed to have a Colonel-in-Chief who is so accessible and so dedicated to our interest.

The Canadian Defence Policy published in December projects a further decline in defence funding but, encouragingly, also recognizes an imbalance in number and type of forces available. It is recognized that we cannot sustain the current level of Peacekeeping commitment without augmenting army, and specifically infantry, strength. It is gratifying to see that the essential role of the infantry is now policy.

Second Battalion is scheduled for service in UNPROFOR this fall should that commitment be continued. The Association Annual General Meeting will be held in Kentville, NS in September. The Colonel-in-Chief will attend the AGM, visit the Combat Training Centre and then observe all Patricia units participating in Exercise RV 95 in Camp Wainwright.

The recent political decision to disband the Canadian Airborne Regiment has surprised and saddened us all. We grieve with those now serving and former members for the loss of this accomplished and colourful unit. We share the dismay of our brothers in the Second Airborne Commando that the unbalanced media focus on the inappropriate conduct of a few has distorted the public perception of the entire unit and that the overwhelming majority of tough and dedicated soldiers are now denied the opportunity to correct the public record. We take heart in the army's recognition that an airborne capability is an operational necessity and anticipate the rebirth of the Airborne esprit in a new form in the near future.

In conclusion let me state my conviction that all members of the Patricia family have performed with distinction this past year and that we are well balanced to proudly face the challenges of 1995.



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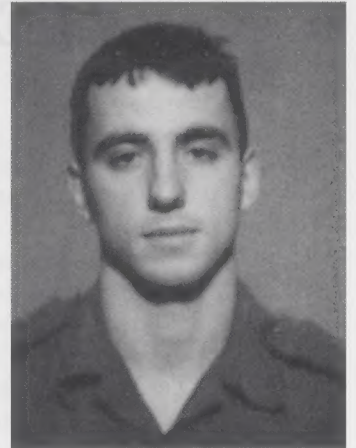
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In Remembrance

*In Memory of
Master Corporal Mark Robert Isfeld and
Private Kirk David Cooper*



Pte Kirk Cooper

The Road

*The road is long and narrow.
It winds a tortuous path never easily travelled.
Its ditches boil with hatred and its bloody verges are mined
with sorrow.
Its foundation lies faulted and unsettled by fear,
and tears erode its shell-pocked surface.
All who walk this road must pay the tolls,
at burning bridges abandoned by departed sanity.
The road to peace cannot be followed by the weak in
spirit.
It is plied only by brave souls seeking a new tomorrow.
Though daunting in appearance,
do not fear the road for it leads to reason restored.
And do not fear the journey,
for there are those who are pledged to see you safely
through it.*

*They, where signposts lack will guide you;
hold back charred and blackened branches.
In the close and stifling darkness,
beacons in the night provide you.*

*Feed, protect and give you shelter,
hold back the snarling pack at bay.
Bridge the path across raging torrents,
through winter frost or summer swelter.*

*With hands outstretched to share the load
a partnership in hope they offer.
Ever there to ease the journey;
the blue-capped men who tend the road.*



In Remembrance

CORPORAL LEE BERGER



Cpl Lee Berger.

On 3 August 1994, Cpl Lee Berger died in a tragic road accident. This unfortunate loss occurred when Cpl Lee Berger was serving with a Combat Support composite platoon tasked with fighting a forest fire in British Columbia. The funeral took place in Ottawa, Ontario on 9 August 1994 and a battalion memorial service with family in attendance was held on the 12th.

Cpl Berger enrolled in the Army on 7 February 1990 at Ottawa. After completing his recruit training and QL3 course, he joined the battalion in the summer of 1990 as a member of A Company.

Lee was a good soldier, well liked by all who knew him. He is survived by his wife, Onalee, and his parents and family in Ottawa. He will be missed by all.





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Message from the National President

Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Association

D'Arcy J. Best, CD

For the Association and many other members of the Old Guard, the Highlight of 1994 was the 80th Anniversary Reunion in Calgary. Although not on the scale of the 75th, with no Corps of Drums and not many troops on the ground, it was still a thoroughly enjoyable occasion. It was a pleasure to renew acquaintances with comrades we hadn't seen in years, including a few we missed at the 75th. For many, it was worth the trip just to see our long-awaited museum for the first time. And the Guard provided by Second Battalion for the ceremonial events was absolutely magnificent!

A reunion such as this is a major undertaking which can only succeed by the efforts of many dedicated and resourceful people. Our 75th Anniversary Reunion was accomplished with the aid of personnel and material from the First Battalion, the Strathcona's and the Service Battalion but, with all of these units on United Nations operations in Yugoslavia this summer, our 80th Anniversary Committee were left with the limited resources of RHQ, First Battalion Rear Party and the Calgary Branch. Many would have said it couldn't be done under these circumstances but this small band of serving soldiers and Old Guard volunteers accepted the task in true Patricia fashion, overcame all obstacles, and gave us a terrific get-together.

The Hall of Honour commemorates our Fallen Comrades of the two World Wars and the Korean War. Our recent casu-

alties in Croatia have reminded us of our duty to memorialize those members of the Regiment who have died on active service since the Korean War and, inevitably, those we will lose in the future. Some guidelines have been established by the Regimental Executive and will be presented to the Association for approval at their Annual General Meeting in September.

The 1995 Annual General Meeting of the Association will take place in Kentville, Nova Scotia, on the weekend of September 15th to 17th. A warm welcome will be extended to any serving Patricias in the Atlantic area who might want to drop in for a little socializing. The Colonel-in-Chief will be there and is looking forward to meeting some of the eastern members of our Patricia Family.

Winnipeg has been chosen as the site for the 1996 Annual General Meeting. We expect Second Battalion will be staging some major event to commemorate the 45th Anniversary of the Battle of Kapyong and, if they do, we will schedule or activities to coincide.

I would like to remind serving Patricias that they are always welcome at Association events. ERE Patricias in particular, serving away from our units, are encouraged to look up their local Association Branch and get involved in their activities. It's a great way to keep in touch.



"Always a Patricia"



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All Patricias are encouraged to become members of the Association, either as local branch members or as members at large. Serving members are more than welcome to join while still serving in the Regiment.

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PPCLI Association - Calgary Branch

Compared to 1989, our 75th Anniversary, 1994 (our 80th Anniversary), was comparatively quiet, but nonetheless successful and meaningful. Our Branch was proud to be the co-host along with the Rear-party, 1 PPCLI and Regimental Headquarters. Under the invaluable guidance of our Co-ordinator, Rod Middleton, the Branch members worked miracles to provide an acceptable venue and offer the best of Western hospitality. Indeed, by all accounts we succeeded!

It was good to meet with so many friends once more, for time marches on. Regrettably, it was also the last occasion for many of our comrades to meet.



Members of the Calgary Branch March Past during the Change of Appointment Parade.

We were equally proud to host the Annual General Meeting of the PPCLI Association. Much was accomplished, but we all recognize that much has yet to be done. We certainly need more members. Where are all the so-called "life-time Patricias?". Come on guys, put your money where your mouth is!

Many of our Branch members continue to volunteer as hosts in the Regimental Museum. It is our commitment to continue to do so, including to assist in running the Association's sponsored Casinos.

In January 1994, the Calgary Branch held its Annual General Meeting. The following Branch Officers were elected for a 2 year period:



"Pride - Valour"

President	- Rudy Raidt
Vice President	- Bob Zubkowski
Secretary-Treasurer	- Rod Hunter
Sergeant at Arms	- Clarence Wilson
Entertainment	- George Arthurson
	- John Demerchant
	- Gordie Jackson

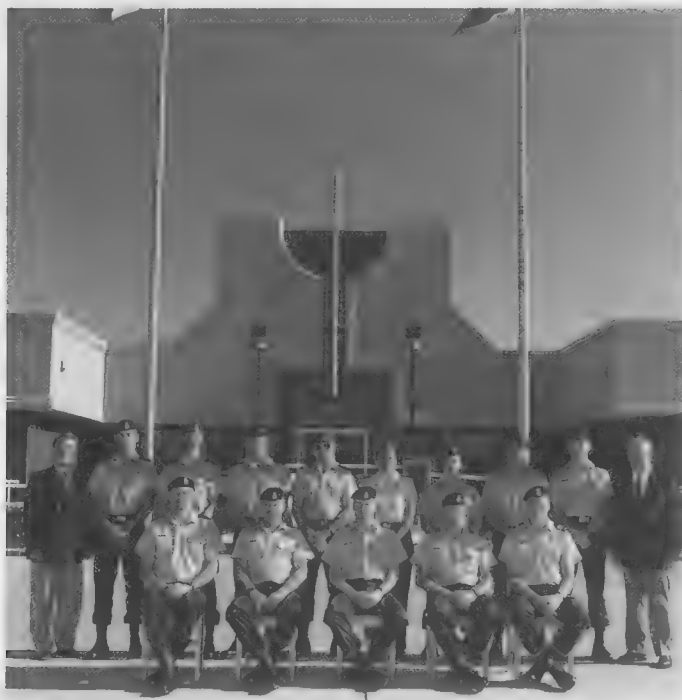
We meet monthly (the last Thursday) at 2000 hrs, in the PPCLI Home Station WO's & Sgt's Mess. All guests are welcome. We look forward to hearing from all visitors to the city.

We are looking to the future with confidence and expectation. Let us, however, remember those Patricias who served the Regiment through the last 80 years, and have coloured and enriched the lives of those of us still able to enjoy the daily chores. In silence, we remember:

"Blow out, your bugles, over the rich dead.
 There's none of these so lonely and poor of old
 But, dying has made us rarer gifts than gold".

R.G.B.

Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Regimental Headquarters



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Regimental Headquarters is the only component of the Regiment devoted exclusively to Regimental Affairs; it is the general office of the Regiment. Regimental Headquarters is responsible for: being the secretariat of the Regiment; the maintenance, accounting and operating of the Regimental and Association funds and accounts; operating the Regimental Kit Shop; operating the Regimental Museum and Archives; editing and publishing all Regimental Publications, including the New Soldier Manual; maintaining all files and records of the Association; liaison between Regimental soldiers; unit branches of the Association; protocol; funerals; visits and a variety of other tasks assigned by, or on behalf of the Regimental Council.

Regimental Gratuities

Individuals who contribute annually in accordance with the current scale of Regimental Contributions are provided at no charge:

- an annual copy of the Patrician;
- his sash on promotion to the rank of Sergeant; and
- a Regimental Gift -

(1) for all Patricias on honourable retirement or remuster with less than nine years of service and having completed his Basic

Engagement, a Regimental Certificate of Service. (units to action).

(2) for all Patricias on honourable retirement, remuster or release from and inclusive nine to nineteen years of service his choice of a 4 1/2" pewter statuette of a Modern Day PPCLI Soldier, PPCLI Drummer Boy, WWI Soldier or WWII Soldier suitable engraved and a Regimental Certificate of Service (RHQ to action); and

(3) for all Patricias on honourable retirement or release from and inclusive twenty or more years of service, a 6 1/2" pewter figurine of a WWI Soldier mounted on a Walnut base, suitably engraved, and a Certificate of Service, (RHQ to action).

Paid up members are eligible for Regimental Achievement Awards for individual accomplishments within those categories described in Chapter 7 of the Regimental Manual.

Units of the Regiment process and action sub-paragraph c(1) above. In order that RHQ might action sub-paragraphs c(2) and c(3) it is imperative that units and Regimental Representatives advise RHQ by message, of Patricias retiring particulars i.e., name, rank, initials, decorations, enrolment date, retirement/release/remuster date, and address on retirement/release/remuster.

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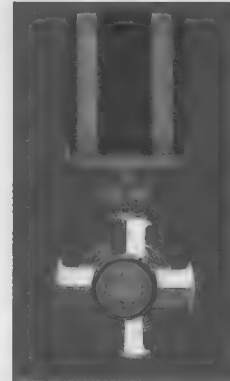
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A Coy 2 PPCLI

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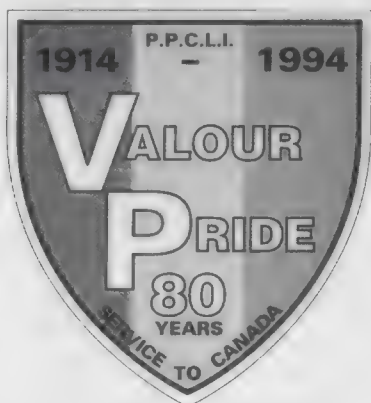
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THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY

By: Capt Bill Lewis



For Patricias everywhere, 1994 marked 80 years since the Regiment first paraded at Landsdowne Park, Ottawa in August, 1914. To celebrate, an anniversary reunion was held on the Canada Day long weekend, July 1 to 3, at CFB Calgary's Currie Barracks.

More than 1,200 serving and former members of the Regiment came from across Canada, the United States and Europe to the Home Station of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry for the celebrations. Joining her troops for the anniversary was the Regiment's Colonel-in-Chief, Lady Patricia Braebourne, The Countess Mountbatten of Burma, and her son and his wife, the Lord and Lady Romsey.

The program for the 80th was balanced between social and official requirements—including time on the parade square.

For Lady Patricia, the weekend also marked a personal anniversary as she celebrated her 20th year as Colonel-in-Chief. During that time she has left her home in Great Britain to visit the garrisons of her troops whether serving at home or abroad. Most recently, Lady Patricia has visited all three Battalions while deployed in former Yugoslavia.

Lady Patricia's first official act was to preside at the opening of a new display depicting a First World War Bunker at the PPCLI Gallery of the Museum of the Regiments. Paid for by donations from friends and family of the Regiment, the gallery's static displays, videos and dioramas paint a dual picture of the unit's history. The sober and stark realism of the harshness of trench life faced by members of the then-new

Regiment contrasts with the pride and loyalty of the Regiment's heritage.

Another of the weekend's events was the Change of Appointment Parade of the Colonel of the Regiment on July 3rd. The parade marked the stand-down of MGen Herb Pitts, Colonel of the Regiment since 1990 and the appointment of MGen Bill Hewson to the position.

The parade and Sunset Ceremony on July 3 marked the last time the PPCLI Band would accompany its Regiment on the parade square. The Band marched off at the end of the Sunset Ceremony to become part of Regimental history, retiring their uniforms and instruments as part of the music branch downsizing.

As the visitors dispersed, all were enthusiastic about meeting again at another reunion and plans are in the works for an 85th anniversary celebration in 1999.

The reunion planning committee extends its thanks to everyone who helped make the anniversary a success, including Col Romses and his base staff; BGen Jim Cox and the staff of 1 Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group Headquarters; the PPCLI Battle School in Wainwright; and the Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians) Ceremonial Riding Troop.



First Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry

Op Harmony Pre-deployment Training *Capt T.W. Manley*

"I can't wait to get to Croatia so I can get a break from pre-deployment training."

Anonymous Soldier 1 PPCLI, February 1994

The debate over which is worse; deployment or pre-deployment training raged on, but for 1 PPCLI one thing was clear: we worked hard, we worked long, and we worked until we were ready to go. Training for UN deployments should prepare soldiers for every possible scenario and for 1 PPCLI's deployment to Op Harmony Rotation 4 that included Mine Awareness Training, Cordon and Search, VIP Security, Fighting In Built Up Areas (FIBUA), Roadblocks and a host of other subjects. In addition to training came the mandatory administrative preparations, DAG after DAG, needle parade after needle parade, and a forest of paper-work.



Beautiful Camp Canuck in 29 Palms.

By far the best training was Ex Semper Vigilans that took place in the desert of 29 Palms and at the "MOUT" (Military Operations In Urban Terrain) site of Camp Pendleton in Southern California.

Phase one saw combat training in the desert at 29 Palms. The Battalion camp was set up using four man tents spread out on the desert floor. Life was almost unbearable, eating hard rations until the Hogie truck arrived. In no time at all the Hogie truck was picked clean like a Water Buffalo in a

pool of piranha. Our neighbors, the US Marines from Camp Lejune, couldn't get a can of soda because every Hogie truck for miles was parked at the Canadian Camp.

With bellies filled with chili dogs and with an inexhaustible supply of cheap chew from the PX, the troops had plenty of energy to listen to information briefs on desert turtles and the dangers of the desert and to participate in some excellent live fire training exercises. These exercises started at the lowest levels and included day long live fire dismounted platoon attacks and mounted company attacks ending in a hasty defence. Weapons fired ranged from personal weapons to, light, medium and heavy machine guns, mortars, TOW and sorties from US Marine F18 fighters dropping 500 lb bombs and napalm! This was some of the most ambitious training undertaken by the battalion and



No smoking near the gas pumps please.

confirmed the unit was ready for any combat situation it might face in Croatia.

From 29 Palms, the Battalion made a road move to Camp Pendleton. Aside from a water trailer catching on fire, the move was uneventful. You can imagine the surprise of the young gas station attendant when a flaming water trailer pulled into his station.

Camp Pendleton is home to the USMC MOUT site. The Marines thought we had lost our minds when we pulled

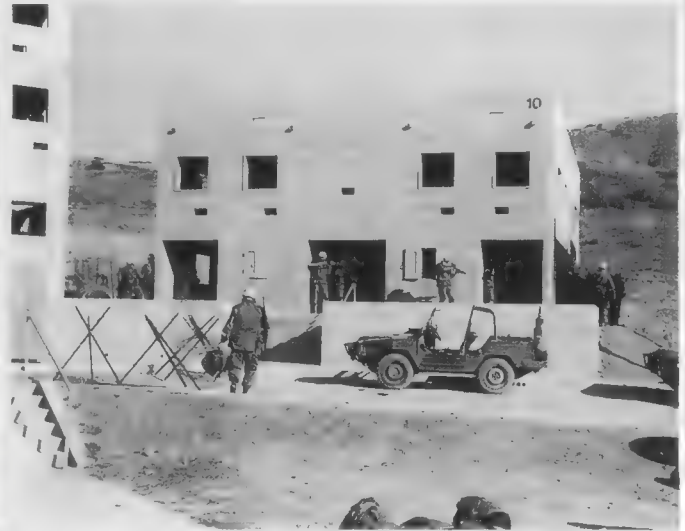
into the MOUT site and moved into the buildings to live. No one had done that before. This training facility provided an excellent area to practice Cordon and Search ops, VIP Security and house clearing techniques. Again we made maximum use of live ammunition. Both blank, live rounds and grenades were used extensively in house clearing. Occasionally, in making training as realistic as possible, injuries

it was time to head home for a bit of leave before departing for Croatia.

Without doubt our pre-deployment training was a long tough go. But in the end we were ready for whatever we faced in the Former Yugoslavia.



Military Operations in Urban Terrain.



House clearing - Pendleton style.

did occur. In one incident, three troops were injured by a grenade. Fortunately, no one was seriously hurt thanks in part to the effectiveness of our new flak vests.

*"Our Pre-Deployment training was
a long tough go. But in the
end we were ready."*

The ever present Hogie trucks followed us from 29 Palms keeping morale and energy levels up for the impending 32 Kilometer ruck sack march. This little nocturnal romp was designed to prove that all the intense physical training the battalion endured in Calgary had paid off and that we were physically fit for the demands of the upcoming operation. Starting at midnight, the battalion marched steadily through the night stopping for water and oranges from time to time. By the time the march was over, blisters were common but pride was universal. More important, everyone knew that



Home Sweet Home.

Operation Harmony — Letter From The Balkans

Capt R.J.D. Ovey



Occupying OP Decoste shortly after arrival in theatre.

After the experiences of Southern California, most of 1 PPCLI thought they had a good idea what to expect in theater as Premier Ralph Klein waved goodbye from the snow covered tarmac at Calgary Airport. However, the hurriedly convened "O" Group on the plane to Zagreb quickly changed that. The Ceasefire Agreement between the Krajina Serbs and the Croatian Government signed on 29 March 1994 — four days before the Battalion deployed — radically changed the Unit's mission to one of genuine peacekeeping, although at times that term seemed a misnomer.



The Croatian War Graves on one of the hard fought for hills that became OP Langevin.



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With the establishment of a Zone of Separation, exclusive to the belligerents and inclusive to UNPROFOR, and the rapid manning of over twenty permanent and mobile Observation Posts (OPs), what might have been an orderly takeover from the Royal 22nd Regiment turned into a rapid handover of accounts in order to occupy OPs and enforce the Ceasefire Agreement as quickly as possible. For those still in Calgary waiting to deploy with the Main Body, pictures of the unit enjoying its new role filled the pages of the Calgary Herald and airtime of hnnel 7 News. The exposed positions on top of hard fought fo ill ie Zone of Separation were very bleak, with no cover (save a poncho or a few rock walls) from the driving rain or the low temperatures of the Croatian springtime. The luxury accommodation of the magnificent sandbag structures that were eventually to grace these positions was a long way off.



Major Beaudette conferring with the Croatian delegates at a Joint Commission Meeting.

Those early days before the Battalion Group was fully deployed also saw the first of the mine strikes that occurred during the tour — and the first casualties. On the way to occupy a new OP, Sgt Forsyth's APC struck an antitank mine in the Zone of Separation. He was blown out of his hatch, and Pte Konzuk, his observer, received a shrapnel wound in the leg. The worst injuries were sustained by the driver, Cpl Bowen, who received serious blast injuries to the legs, buttocks and lower back and had to return to Canada. Such a shocking incident so early in the tour (only the advance party had arrived in theater) quickly focused the minds of all the Battalion Group. Naturally, the status of cleared routes and the number of mines cleared was always a major concern. The second incident, just over two weeks later, when Lt Lunney and Pte Anderson's Iltis jeep struck an antitank mine, reinforced the concern. Both were very seriously injured in the blast (Pte Anderson lost his legs) and returned to Canada.



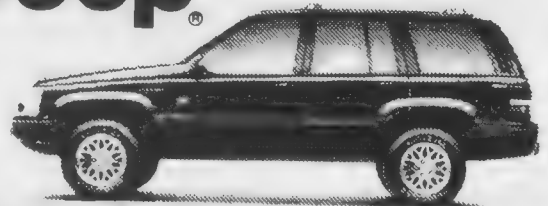
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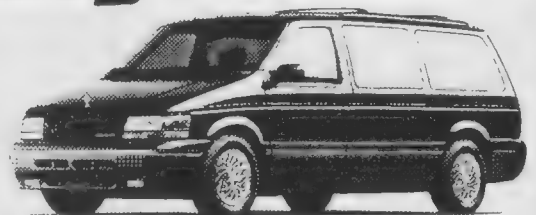
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Lt Lunney and Pte Anderson's jeep.

The Engineer Troop, in concert with the rifle companies in whose areas they operated, did an excellent job in bringing the two sides together to cooperate in clearing the minefields in the Zone of Separation, thereby permitting the establishment of patrol routes in the Zone. Meanwhile, the CO's Local Joint Commission succeeded in getting local belligerent commanders from both sides to meet on neutral ground and discuss Ceasefire Violations that our patrols uncovered. All too often, however, matters could only be resolved at "the highest levels." Everyone involved in negotiations with the belligerents found the process to be a long tedious affair with lying and provocation in equal measure from both sides. Backing down was never easy for the Serbs or Croats, "It is a matter of honor," was the standard excuse for anything from not surrendering weapons when they were caught inside the Zone, to not releasing Canadian troops taken hostage while doing their job. Charlie Company was unfortunate in having a succession of the most recalcitrant Serbs as commanders in their area, all claiming to be honorable men whilst trying to perpetrate the most flagrant violations of the Ceasefire Agreement. One of these violations - - the occupation of a pumping station that supplied water to a large area of the Croatian coast - began a chain of events which led to MCpl Isfeld's death as he was clearing a minefield around the pipeline leading to the Croatian side. His memorial service took place not long after that of Pte Cooper's. Both soldiers will be remembered by the Battalion.

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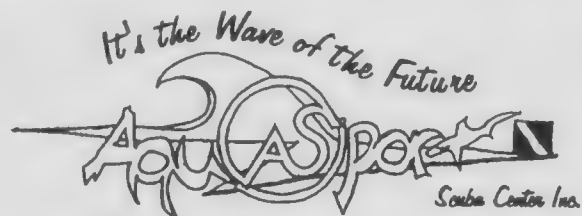
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Memorial service for Pte Cooper.

In spite the difficulties encountered and casualties sustained, the Battalion's successes were many. Beyond establishing the Zone of Separation, largely free of belligerent forces and, due to the efforts of the Engineers, increasingly free of mines, there was considerable success in the "hearts and minds" campaign. In addition to the UN humanitarian relief support, there was no end to the parcels of clothing and hygiene supplies that arrived in the mail and were distributed by the Padres. The school support scheme had qualified success, with only the lack of building supplies preventing more ambitious construction projects from getting under way without sacrificing our own protection on the OPs. The UN protected villages of Rodaljice and Donnji Bruska, with mixed Serb and Croat populations, enjoyed not only protection, but a standard of medical coverage they had not previously enjoyed.

Of course, you can't please all of the Croats all of the time, and two notable incidents in the Public Relations battle illustrate the nature of the Balkan conflict. The first involved a wall which had been knocked down during a mine clearing task. When the Engineers rebuilt it as an act of good will using Serbian sand as aggregate, the Croats created such an incident, that the wall had to be demolished and rebuilt again with Croatian sand. The second incident centered on a magnificent altar in the Roman Catholic church in the village of Pristeg, situated on the old front line between the Serbs and Croats, in the middle of the Zone of Separation. A cultural heritage delegation had approached UNPROFOR asking for assistance to protect this altar by moving it to a more sheltered location. This request was turned down as it conflicted with the Sector Commander's program to repopulate the Zone and to reintegrate the community. The resulting propaganda resulted in a protest letter (a not uncommon thing in Sector South) to the Minister of National Defense from a group of Croatian-Canadians in



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Ontario complaining of how the Philistine and anti-catholic CANBAT 1 was deliberately oppressing the Croats. In fact, the opposite was true, as the Croats were actively persecuting UNPROFOR by blockading the Zone of Separation and interfering with the Battalion's resupply operations. Recce Platoon, however, successfully smuggled several convoys through the Croatia blockade. As a result, we were the best supplied Battalion in the Sector until the Sector Headquarters decided to share our supplies with the other less fortunate contingents.



LCol Diakow hosts a meeting with the Sector Comd and Comd CCUNPROFOR.

There was the flip side, however, and we managed to score quite a hit on Canada Day. Whist everyone had the opportunity to enjoy the traditional fare, the village of Karin Slana played host to the alternative "Calgary Stampede."

"After six months of peace - not quiet the tour came to an end."

Blessed by the Calgary Stampede authorities, though not graced with much financial support, the Stampede took form with such attractions as goat milking competitions, greased piglet catching, sheep lassoing and bronco bucking. The funfair was recreated too, for the benefit of the younger stampedeers. The day culminated in a game of Canadian Rules Football, won by the A Company team long before the Serbs even began to understand what the rules were all about!



Helicopters were used to lift sandbags to the most inaccessible OPs.

Another high point was the visit of the Colonel-in-Chief at the end of July. Between them, Lady Patricia and General Hewson managed to visit almost all the soldiers in the Battalion, both in camp and out on the line, and present them with their UN medals. The visit also provided the impetus for a Battalion-wide Junior Ranks Barbecue, held in the idyllic setting of the beach near A Company HQ at Karin Slana. At the time when the troops were getting a little tired of the constant attentions of the press during their frequent visits, and other VIP tours of dubious value (such as the DND-sponsored visit of a Ph.D student writing a thesis on the "Warrior Ethos" ?), it was a genuine tonic to welcome Lady Patricia, Lord Brabourne and General and Mrs Hewson.



MCpl Gauthier rides the Bucking Bronco at the Krajina Stampede.

The Battalion left its mark in other ways too. Several new conurbations appeared over the face of the Southern Krajina. The first being the expansion of Charlie Company and Recce Platoon's "Camp Krusty." Then, with the move of Battalion HQ and Admin Company (less the Quarter Master) south of the Velebit Mountains, the new complex of Rastevic (inhabited by the Rastavarians) sprang up. Finally, with Delta Company moving to join Anti-Armour and the Engineers at Biljane Donje, a third major city came into being. Only the Quarter Master, who managed to stay north of the mountains, and A Company, in their seaside resort town of Karin Slana, managed to avoid the urbanization process, despite immense pressure to comply.



Lady Patricia presents Cpl Hatcher with his UN Medal.

After six months of peace - not quiet - the tour, which on reflection must have been similar to the first peacekeeping tour in Cyprus, came to an end. A very different part of Sector South was handed over to the RCR. Though tedious

in parts, and frustrating whenever dealing with the belligerents, the tour was punctuated by the occasional moment of excitement, emergency or sheer terror. While, occasionally, the troops had to stand back and watch the fireworks as the two sides shot it out, clearly the Battalion managed to achieve a great deal more in the uneasy Cease-fire than previous units had during the war. Except for having to throw the odd group of Serbs out of the Zone of Separation, the Ceasefire Agreement was generally upheld, and a certain quality of life was achieved for the people of the Krajina.



Looking back on the Croatian coast from OP Langevin.

After completing training in California, including a 13 km march to the beach, in which we were not invited to set the pace, we returned to Canada to finish the final administration required to go overseas. When the Battalion embarked several weeks before us, time slowed considerably as all we could do was wait for our rotation flights.



B Company Medals Parade.

B Company — Op Cavalier

Capt J.N. Gri

1994 was an interesting year for B Company. For most of the year we were detached to the LdSH(RC) Battle Group in order to supply infantry support to Op Cavalier in Bosnia. To say that we learned a great deal about how the Armoured Corps operates would be an understatement. To say that we always enjoyed being there would be an overstatement.

Our year began with final preparations for the training exercise to be held in Camp Pendleton. So, while the OC made his way to Yugoslavia to conduct a recce of our future area of operations the company carried on with training, including twice a week 13 km rucksack marches. Once we arrived in California we discovered that the armoured have a different view of "austerity" than the infantry. Quite comfortable in the abundance of crew tents provided, we began to show our entrepreneurial skills and quickly established Rene's Corner Store as the place for the Battle Group to contribute to B Company's canteen profits. Our only off night came when we manned the defensives of the Battle Group camp and the rest of the Battle Group discovered we had live rounds. Strange as it may be, there was very little movement around the camp that night.

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While an advance party departed a week prior, most of the company left Calgary on 4 May. Arriving in Visoko several days later, we found that the mandate that we had trained for had all changed and that rather than carrying out convoy escorts and the like, we would be manning OPs and checkpoints, as well as doing "Palace Guard" in Visoko. After a couple weeks of getting used to our new surroundings and cleaning kit, we went through the first of our many operational changes when we detached 6 Platoon to B Squadron and manned the Camp Guard full time. 4 Platoon got to practice its UN diplomacy and pioneer skills when it replaced Malaysian Battalion (MALBAT) and its livestock at OP M and constructed "Fort Calgary".



WO Mansbridge, WO Macdonald and Sgt Wallace looking suitably impressed.

Their occupancy of this OP was short-lived however as the company was then tasked to reinforce BRITBAT to enforce the exclusion zone around Gorazde. With the OC stuck on a mountainside behind a broken down logging truck, the company began battle procedure to get everyone back to camp. This led to some interesting radio traffic and an even more interesting night drive for two sections from 5 Platoon that had been tasked to provide security at Sector Southwest HQ in Gorni Vakuf.

After a long night of preparations the company was poised to launch at noon the next day, however, the Serb forces took offence to the company's use of tracked vehicles. More changes to the original plan, more cross loading and another long night, and finally 4 Platoon, Company HQ, and an armoured troop were on their way. When they returned 10 days later, the rest of us didn't want to hear about it, we had been stuck back on Palace Guard.

With another realignment of tasks B Company assumed control of the Kiseljak Pocket, a Croatian enclave. Here in

the various OPs and checkpoints we were to remain until the end of the tour. By the time we took up residence in the area, there was little fighting. Therefore, the biggest threat became boredom. As there was a shortage of TVs and weight training equipment, new hobbies such as chain saw art emerged. Though some people didn't see the humor in the end results.

Our last big move of the tour was to the Dalmacija Hotel located in downtown Kiseljak. While this was primarily a nightmare for the CQ, it led to some decent, if ant infested, quarters and tall cans (only two per day of course) of Naffi beer. This of course all happened in our last few weeks in Bosnia and we were not unhappy to give it all to the RCR.



MCpl Lussier guarding the B Company CP.

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On December 15th, the Men's Christmas dinner started when the talented serving crew (Offrs & Snr NCOs) marched into the drill hall to greet the crowd of hungry and impatient troops. The promotions and awards ceremony that followed calmed the crowd as many individuals were rewarded for commendable performance. This was followed by the dramatic reading by Pte Smith (Ret) of a poem written during the campaign in Italy and was the ice breaker that released the spirit of Christmas to all. Now things were starting to roll, the CO and the youngest soldier (Pte Ereaut) swapped tunics, cut the bird and jumped out of the way as the eager servants rushed to fulfil their traditional duty. Once bellies were full and the yuletide joy flowed the Corps of Drums took center stage and roused the troops to cheers and shouts of more!



Pte Ereaut examines his new jacket given to him by LCol Diakow at the Men's Christmas Dinner.



The new CO, Pte Ereaut carves the turkey assisted by RSM Cabelguen during the men's Christmas Dinner.

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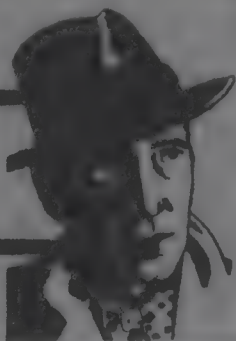
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Op Harmony — Rear Party

Capt B.C. Nelson

While all eyes were on Croatia in 1994, there was a small group of officers and soldiers LOB tending to the home fires. Maj J.G. O'Brien headed up this band of lost souls just as he had for the Second Battalion. The Rear Party tried to keep the families up to date with the latest news from the front and grease the wheels of bureaucracy when needed. These 30 or so lost souls grew quite rapidly to approximately 200 during the tour.

To keep the troops out of trouble, an exciting patrolling exercise was conducted in the Crows Nest Pass region of the Rocky Mountains. Each of the two platoons had one week in the local training area and then deployed for a five-day fighting patrol over the rugged foothills in the shadow of the Great Divide. The scenario was to locate and neutralize saboteurs in the area, which was made quite interesting as the enemy was made up of local RCMP constables, Forest Rangers and Battalion Ops staff. The second platoon commanded by Capt Nelson had the added dimension off linking up with a partisan (RCMP constable Bob Nicholson, an old hand in the Crows Nest Pass). Once deployed the platoons manned OPs, conducted section ambushes and a platoon ambush and raid. The rugged terrain added to the adventure as each ridge line rose over 600 ft and peaked at 7,000 ft. All those involved totally enjoyed the patrols and warm welcome by the people of Coleman



Capt Nelson leads Constable Bob Nicholson and MCpl Mackenzie into position in the Goat Creek Valley.



Cpl Voisey leads Support Group to the final objective within 1 KM of the Great Divide in the Crow's Nest Pass.

The other item of newsworthy activity was the anticipated receipt of authority to raise a fourth rifle company. After nearly 20 years, Delta Company was to be a reality again. Most of the rear party personnel formed the core of D Company, which allowed us to get to know one another before the Battalion's return. D Company moved right back into its old haunt in building AF-16 on the Battalion's return, and by the end of December was firmly on the ground with a sense of identity and high morale.

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Faces of 2 PPCLI



Second Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry

2 PPCLI 1994

The Second Battalion has enjoyed an active year from the winter shakeout in Shilo on Ex NORTHERN STRIKE in February, to our live fire battle school on Ex RAZOR'S EDGE. The year has been interspersed with service at home and abroad! Members of 2 PPCLI have travelled as far south as Fort Polk Louisiana and as far north as Fort McPherson N.W.T. In addition, the battalion augmented 1 PPCLI with a dozen or so all ranks for its UN mission in Croatia. Throughout, our tasks have been diverse and challenging, varying from participation in peacekeeping, to conventional exercises to assisting the civil authorities in fighting fires. As a result, Second Battalion Patricia's have found themselves in the swamps of Louisiana, pounding parade squares in Winnipeg and Calgary, patrolling the roads and hills in Croatia and pulling toboggans on the frozen wastelands around Fort McPherson, N.W.T.



Relax man. End Ex was 15 mins ago!!

Although 2 PPCLI prides itself on being "a field oriented battalion", we hold our own when it comes to doing garrison activities as well. While catching our breath here in KAPYONG BARRACKS, the unit sharpened its skills on the parade square where, during the June/July timeframe, it distinguished itself performing a D-Day Sunset Ceremony, Freedom of the City Parade and Brigade Commander's Annual Inspection. In addition, the battalion was honoured to have had the opportunity to host a visit from the

Colonel-in-Chief, The Countess Mountbatten of Burma, CBE, CD, JP, DL accompanied by her son and daughter-in-law, Lord and Lady Romsey, and the Colonel of the Regiment, MGen C.W. Hewson, CMM, CD (Ret'd) and his wife, Norah.

Given all of the above, one might think that 2 PPCLI is all work and no play. On the contrary; the unit has displayed excellence in competition as evidenced by Alpha Company winning the Hamilton Gault Skill-at-Arms trophy as the best sub-unit in annual personal weapons testing, the battalion's winning the major unit aggregate for STRONG CONTENDER and the unit's first place showing in the 1 CMBG Mountain Man Competition.

1994 was also a year of sadness as we mourned Cpl Lee Berger whose death was a sad loss to us all.



2 large pizzas with extra cheese, pepperoni...

Alpha Company

Shaking off the effects of a well deserved Christmas block leave and the platoons beefed up to established strengths with recently arrived reinforcements transferred in from the reserves (26), A Company launched into the new year training with a vengeance. Following refresher training in garrison, it was off to Shilo on a battalion deployment. Ex NORTHERN STRIKE tested the endurance and winter skills of all in the company. However, the training highlight for A Company in 1994 was Ex LIGHTNING BLITZ.

Ex LIGHTNING BLITZ, a month-long battalion mechanized exercise, turned out to be a great shakeout during the spring of 1994. The exercise consisted of mechanized operations at the platoon and company level, culminating in battalion operations. The exercise also included live fire section and platoon attacks.



Get some!!!

The training for the exercise was progressive, focusing on section and platoon mechanized operations. Formations and navigation were shaky at first, but greatly improved as constant training was carried out on the "Bad Lands" of Wainwright.

"Know thy enemy"

Company level training was the next step and with augmentation from 1 RCHA (gunners learning Queen of Battle skills) providing a third platoon, things came together quickly. The pace of offensive operations intensified and culminated with a company level FTX. The highlight of this training was a company airmobile operation on Beaver Bridge which was soon discovered to be surrounded by a very deep and "cold" swamp.

Before A Company could progress to training at the battle group level, a short time out was needed as the company was suffering from an "intestinal bug" which created a dramatic 40% casualty rate. What is it the instructors used to tell us?, "know thy enemy"! Once back on their feet (and noticeably lighter), the offensive push against the bad guys was able to continue.

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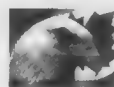
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Surviving the quarantine and allowed back in the order of battle, training at the battle group level could begin in earnest. Operations at this level were fast paced and impressive as the firepower and mobility of a battle group was brought to bear on company sized enemy positions and culminated in a battle group deliberate attack. The exercise turned out to be quite challenging and very rewarding as the enemy (Sasquatch aggressors) were repulsed and overtaken by the might of 2 PPCLI and its attachments.

A Company moved on to dismounted live fire attacks. The live fire section and platoon ranges controlled by Combat Support Company were both challenging and fun as the enemy strong points kept the soldiers consistently on their toes.

*"A Coy - wins the Hamilton
Gault Skill at Arms Trophy"*

The summer months brought about taskings, postings and new faces in A Company. A new regime took over and the training took on a new fervour. The company sharpened up its shooting skills on Prairie Marksman in late September and further concentrated on dismounted operations on Ex RAZOR EDGE in October. A Company also instructed a Machine Gun course which culminated in an impressive night shoot, augmented by illumination and HE fire support from Mortar Platoon.



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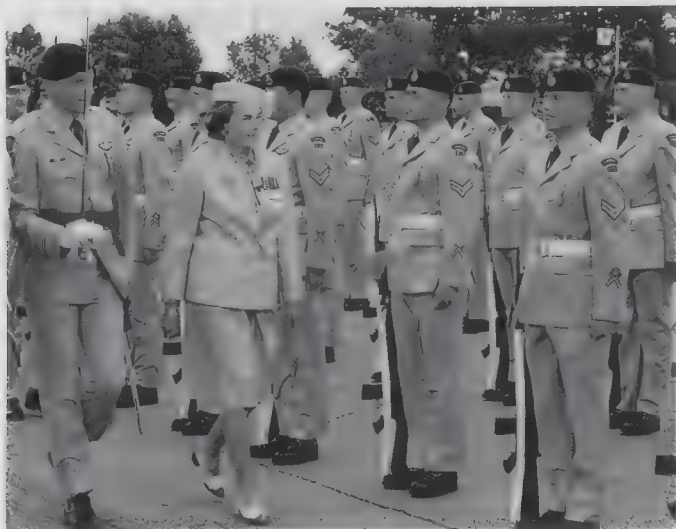
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The year ended well for A Company. The company has received word that it will be awarded the Hamilton Gault Skill at Arms trophy for the second year in a row for its proficiency on the range. We look forward to the challenges of 1995 which should include an exercise in Poland (peace-keeping scenario) and a UN rotation on Op CAVALIER in Bosnia in the fall.

Bravo Company



Lady Patricia inspects the guard.

For Bravo Company, 1994 will be remembered as a year full of Primary Combat Function courses, FTXs, inspections and summer taskings. While all of the battalion can boast of a busy year, only B Company can lay exclusive claim to participating in the 50th Anniversary of D Day ceremonies in Winnipeg and the Regimental 80th Anniversary activities in Calgary.

The Company's prowess in drill was identified in mid May and was immediately put to the test following redeployment from Ex LIGHTNING BLITZ. For a fortnight the 100 man guard (augmented with soldiers from the other companies) "hit" the parade square and parade field of Assiniboine Park in an attempt to master and hone the intricacies of a ceremonial Sunset Parade. The weekend of 4-5 June was the culmination of all the practising and drilling for the "Feu de Joie" and march pasts. The Guard of Honour participated in the Freedom of the City of Winnipeg Parade and put on an excellent performance in the Sunset Ceremony to close out the weekend's activities.

Because of our successes in Winnipeg (as well as CSM Spellen's constant pleas to go to the Stampede), it was decided that Bravo Company would conduct the Regimental 80th Anniversary Parade and ceremonies in Calgary. Early one July morning we boarded military "highway cruisers" and made the 13 hour trek to the Home Station. With only two days to practise, we were ready.

The 80th Anniversary Parade was a great success. The many spectators, veterans and Patricias were treated to a sunny day and another excellent performance by the Bravo Company

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Guard. The splendour of the parade was accentuated by the participation of the Pipes and Drums of the City of Edmonton Police Band. Their presence in the parade was steeped in tradition dating back to the Regiment's founding. This marked the final official function of the PPCLI Band as it was disbanded following the parade.



Draping the Colours in Calgary.

The end of the weekend's celebrations was marked by a ceremonial Sunset Parade that once again included the Pipes and Drums. The "Feu de Joie" and precision drill of the Sunday evening parade served as the perfect end to a splendid 80th Anniversary weekend. The Company's stay in Calgary was not to end quite yet. Later that week the Guard was forced to labour at Spruce Meadows amid the lush grass and azaleas in the show jumping ring.

The pageantry and historical significance of all the ceremonial parades during the summer underlied the sacrifices and tribulations made and endured by Patricias since 1914. Bravo Company was extremely proud and honoured to have been a part of these ceremonies.

Yes, it was a busy year for the Company, and 1995 looks to be just as active.



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Change of Command

On 16 July 1994, the officers, senior NCOs and soldiers of the Second Battalion bid a fond farewell to LCol T.J. Calvin as he relinquished command of the battalion to LCol J. M. Turner. LCol Calvin can reflect on a very rewarding two years with the Second Battalion which included an operational tour in the former Yugoslavia.



LCol J.M. Turner assumes command.



LCol T.J. Calvin accepting the UNPROFOR FORCE COMMANDER'S Unit Commendation on behalf of the battalion.

Charlie Company

Along with the rest of the battalion, C Company found themselves shaking off the effects of a Yugo tour well into the new year. 1994 found us deploying both to Shilo and Wainwright where we acquainted ourselves with tactical (but not really tactical) bivouacs, including digging in.



"Has anyone seen my brothers?"

On May 5th we loudly said good-bye to the rest of the battalion and took off for Fort Polk, Louisiana and Ex OMEGA LIGHTNING. The exercise was a peacekeeping scenario and we were to introduce the Americans to our peacekeeping techniques and see what their techniques were like.

What we learned was the American approach to peacekeeping is to go into a situation and take over and run it;

they did not seem content to stand and observe. This turned our exercise into a running battle. We were first placed in a fenced-in compound, unless we were wounded or dead. Then we conducted typical UN tasks, ie. convoy escorts, foot patrols and clearance patrols. However, our "peaceful" escorts and patrols soon turned into ambush foot patrols and practising mobile counter-ambush drills. Many of us had just come back from Croatia and found this American style of peacemaking new and unusual. However, we adapted and learned quickly. The company used MILES gear and went through the actual physical evacuation process of wounded and dead personnel and receiving replacements. This was an excellent training aid and one that resulted in all our soldiers receiving a wake up call about the modern battlefield.



OUCH!!

June, July, August and September were spent doing platoon training, small party tasks and block leave. All this was in preparation for the month-long deployment in November to Fort McPherson which was an excellent intro to the north for the young soldiers and a good time for the old. The company practised dismounted movement and patrols in -35 degrees celsius temperatures that made everyone appreciate the Rangers' warm tents. An intro range was run for the Rangers for all of them to get a feel for our weapons. They loved the C-9 and C-6 and said how handy it would be for caribou hunting. We just smiled and nodded our heads. Three days of machine gun and team fire ranges and we were ready to go back to Fort McPherson. After 15 days, a shower felt great, even if it was cold water. Back in the field for a week and we were finished. The Canadian Rangers were very helpful and the townspeople would not stop feeding us. We returned to Winnipeg full of caribou and proudly bearing the "Arctic fox" qualification.

Charlie Company now looks to 1995 to bring trips to exotic places (Shilo, Suffield and Wainwright) and hopefully a UN tour.



C Coy's Arctic foxes enjoying supper in Ft MacPherson, N.W.T.

Mountain Man Challenge

The Mountain Man Challenge 94 consisted of a 35 km rucksack run, 4.5 km canoe portage, and a 8 km canoe paddle. The winning 2PPCLI team consisted of Maj Brennan, Capt Annis, CSM Spellen, CSM White, WO Kelley, MCpl Frederiksen, MCpl Taillon, Cpl Lerch, Cpl Nohavicka, Cpl Skinner, Cpl Vancrasbeek, Cpl Volpato, Pte Cheeseman, Pte Cooper and Pte Petersen. Pte Cooper placed first overall with a time of 6 hours and 27 minutes. This achievement, in addition to his professional approach and dedication to his profession, has earned him the Soldier of the Year award in 2 PPCLI. The Second Battalion would like to thank their Mountain Man team for all of their hard work and dedication. They have set the standard for which future teams can strive. CONGRATULATIONS.



The 2PPCLI Mountain Man Team.

Combat Support Company

We had a very busy 1994 in Combat Support Company. What follows are some typical examples from the year. Mortar Platoon was very busy this year, spending a great deal of time in the field. Once again we found ourselves in CFB Shilo for exercise LIMBER GUNNER 1994. This year proved to be different from the past exercises in that our main goal was to assist in the Battery Commander's Fireplanning Course. During the period 14 March to 15 April, we again proved to be very proficient in our job. The start of the exercise consisted of reviewing basic drills and "flushing out the cobwebs". Once the live fire support was initiated, we gained a better insight of the daily operation of "the artillery battery". The training progressed slowly and eventually picked up to a very fast pace. The artillery officer candidates were put to the test under the close supervision of their respective Directing Staff. The exercise proved to be very beneficial for all troops involved, building a better working relationship with our counterparts. As a result, 2 PPCLI Mortar Platoon left Shilo with a strong sense of accomplishment.



Capt Kenneally receives bronze medal in the middleweight division of the 6th International Military Tae Kwon Do Championships held in Lima, Peru.

On 26 July 1994, a composite platoon from 2 PPCLI (on block leave) were called out to an aid to civil power operation to assist forest firefighters in Penticton, BC. At 1700 hours we landed in Penticton and set up in a bivouac beside the fire camp at the airport. Over the next two days the BC Forest Service taught us safety and firefighting techniques, the technique of handguarding, using equipment including polaskis, spades, pumps and laying hose. The three sections under MCpls Finstad, McGlinchey and Willcott quickly learned these new skills and the Pl 2IC, Sgt Ron Gilks, acquired the necessary materials to convert a 10 ton into a fire truck, which proved invaluable later.

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Over the next week of 14 hour days in +40 degrees Celsius heat, we worked with skidders, helicopters, water bombers and other heavy equipment in fighting the fire. On two occasions we had to evacuate the area as shifting winds caused the fire to change direction. We watched a fire "crown" and burn up the side of a river valley with frightening speed.



Pte Cooper receives the Battalion's top Private award.

The tragic death of Cpl Lee Berger during the operation was mourned by all personnel. His sense of humour and positive attitude will be missed by everyone.

For over a week the firefighters worked tirelessly. Cpl Wuorinen gained valuable experience as a pack mule hauling 30 kg lengths of explosive-filled hose down a slope to a river to blow an 800 ft fireguard.

By 6 August the fire was classified as under control and the military was released by the forest service and flown back to Winnipeg just in time (as luck would have it) to start off the new training year.

Administration Company

APS 94 saw an almost completely new chain of command within the 2PPCLI Administration Company. The only familiar faces to stay on for another year were those of the Second-in-Command, Paymaster, Chaplain and Medical Officer. With this transfusion of fresh blood, Administration

Company prepared to provide support to the unit for a very ambitious training calendar.

It has been a fine year. The company, traditionally the soft underbelly of the battalion, bared its teeth during personal weapons testing producing the highest ratio of marksmen with the unit. Battle proficiency and other annual tests were conducted with similar high standards.



"That gopher is in trouble now."

In October, Administration Company deployed in support of the unit on Exercise RAZOR EDGE, a dismounted battle school in Shilo. This exercise provided a challenge to the company as the unit was spread from the north to the south boundaries of the training area, some 30 km as the crow flies. There was only one serviceable water point on the north end. Daily transportation was required by the rifle companies, a forecasted targetry system was unavailable requiring last minutes targetry stores acquisition for six independent ranges, and three PCF courses deployed, all requiring first line support. An intricate and highly flexible administration plan was required to support the deployment and when all the smoke had cleared, we could all say with no small degree of satisfaction that "we pulled it off".

For weeks following the exercise, anecdotes abounded about such things as Patricia Pickle Pick Up Points, a man named Charlie Numpty, small trucks moving across a big map, and a curious new hand signal involving the thumb and forefinger accompanied by an irritating vocalization to the pitch of high C. Rumour has it that Second-in-Command Administration Company will soon be publishing a CFP entitled Waste Management in the Field.

It has been a satisfying year with many more challenges ahead as the battalion readies itself for another tour in the former Republic of Yugoslavia.



The 2PPCLI Officer hockey team.

Conclusion

Another year has passed with remarkable speed. Oh, where does the time go? December came and went with the usual fanfare. The battalion's high level of esprit de corps was evident during the inter-mess hockey games. The bumps and bruises should be healed by 95. The festivities were enjoyed by all, especially by all the soldiers who were promoted. With 1994 behind us the Second Battalion is looking forward to the challenges that 1995 has to offer. Rest assured that we will continue to uphold the Patricia tradition by meeting all challenges head on with enthusiasm and pride.



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Maj (retired) R.M. Middleton leads the "Old Guard" on the march past during the Change of Command Parade.



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The PPCLI Regimental Band marches off the parade square square for the final time as the "Old Guard" applauds.



Mr. Darcy Best presents the out going Col of the Regiment, MGen H.C. Pitts with a gift on behalf of the PPCLI Association.



MGen H.C. Pitts takes the salute as the Guard from 2 PPCLI march past.



The Edmonton City Police Pipe Band marches past.



2 PPCLI Colour Party



The Col-in-Chief addresses the Parade.



Lady Patricia endorses the change of appointment for Colonel of the Regiment as MGen Pitts (L) hands over to MGen Hewson (R).



Col "Suds" kicks up his heels at the BBQ dinner and dance held in the Fest tent.



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*Lady Patricia has a chat with the BComd Esquimalt,
Capt(N) Delemare*



*Change of Command
29 June 1994*

3 PPCLI WORKPOINT BARRACKS CLOSE OUT

August 1993 to June 1994 was a hectic time for the Battalion. In a short period of time the unit had to down size into a one rifle coy Battalion. In addition we had to reorg the CFFET, turn in the surplus, turn in all the A vehicles, account for all NPF, turn over some 25 buildings to CFB Esquimalt and conduct the ceremonial duties associated with the move from Esquimalt to Chilliwack. In the middle of this activity our remaining rifle coy was chopped to 1PPCLI to augment that Battalions tour on Op Harmony. They commenced their training in January and left the country in April. Finally we conducted the Change of Command ceremonies from the outgoing Commanding Officer LCol Nordick to the incoming Commanding Officer LCol Turner.

As the plan solidified there appeared to be more moving parts than you find on a Regimental Day float. All in all there were some 190 all ranks to conduct the move. Slowly but surely the CFFET plan came together and a steady flow of 45 foot trailers made their way out of the Workpoint Gates to the ferry terminal. With each of the four supporting units receiving a rifle coy and support weapons platoon worth of field equipment and vehicles. The remaining equipment was accounted for and went through the process of being returned to the system. A huge job that was made to work smoothly by our QM staff. Our thanks for a job well done go out to Capt Horlock, WO King and the TQ Sgt Matthews!



The Ball

As we beavered away on the Island the Implementation Cell in Chilliwack was busy making the preparations to receive us, our equipment and to ensure the supporting reserve units were ready as well. A well done to our Implementation Staff!

The close out activities in Esquimalt included a final Freedom of the City Parade, Change of Command Parade and the farewell ball. All events were attended by both the Colonel in Chief and the Colonel of the Regiment.

The farewell ball recieved excellent support from the community of greater Victoria Chamber of Commerce, led by Mr Doug Gallant! Our Navy friends at CFB Esquimalt were also very supportive in all events, the move could not have gone as well without their support. Capt Dave Justice and his band of merry men deserve special recognition for his organization and conduct of the Ball!



Lt Gov of BC Mr Lam, bids the Battalion farewell and good luck in its new role and location

BHQ - 3PPCLI

We may be the "new kids on the block" here in Chilliwack but 3 PPCLI has certainly not gone unnoticed. The training year started with an assault on Mt Cheam, one of the highest peaks in the area, which offered an excellent view of our new domain. A few weeks later we won the team event of the CFB Chilliwack Terry Fox run with LCol Turner setting a new land speed record..



3PPCLI surveys its new domain from the top of Mount Cheam

September saw the 3 PPCLI Colours installed in the CFB Chilliwack Officers mess, where they enjoy a prominent place of honour. October found the 3rd Herd home on the range doing their yearly PWTs and C9 familiarity shoot, finishing the month with the BFT and the PT 400 test. Our first six months also saw four QL4 courses conducted in Yakima Wa., with very promising results. Adm Coy moved out of the cramped HQ building to occupy the old RMED building. Advanced and Specialist Trg as well as the Ops shop participation in Ex Poison Dart in Calgary rounded out the first half year.

Portrait of a Canadian Soldier

by C. Jane Harris

Rough tough soldier boys.
"Hey you - Mac and Bud, Spike and Jack
all dressed up in green
and crawling on your bellies...
Look fella, there's no war"
they laugh and taunt.
What a waste of money;
these boys with hair short.

Hairy chested, they leap from the sky;
eat worms out of cans in mud to their
knees.
Fierce helmeted, soot faced from
days in the field - just in case.

The Bay Street boys look down
from their ivory towers;
disdainful and mocking, -
"Our taxpayer dollars!"
When they are the ones most ready
to kill their best friend for a buck.

It's not poor Corporal Bloggins
who'll spend most of his life
away from his family, tears in his eyes -
walking some thin green line
to keep men from killing each other
and him. But he'd give his life
so that each one of us can
continue to point, laugh, guffaw
at rough, tough soldier boys
eating our money.



3PPCLI colors uncased in the CFB Chilliwack Officers Mess

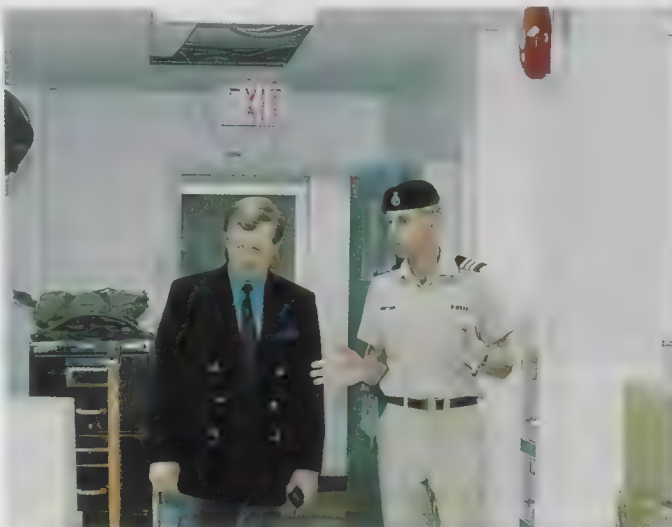


WO Power and Sgt Matthews sippin' a cool one during the BFT



"Sgt, Which way did they go?", 'Wheatley tries to plot the Bn road move home.

The fall also saw some very distinguished visitors tour the Third Bn lines. MGen Vernon made an informal visit to see how his old Bn was doing, and MGen L.Mackenzie stopped by for a impromptu chat and book signing. Official visits included Comd LFWA as well as Comd 1 CMBG.



The CO escorts MGen Mackenzie through our lines. Notice old habits die hard, MGen Mackenzie with the Bat Phone just in case.

With 58 all ranks which includes 4 Class B Militia members; we are under staffed in certain areas and everyone from the CO on down can be seen out under vehicles doing driver maintenance or weapons cleaning. This unique organization has led to a tight group who work well and play well together. Our inter-unit ball hockey demonstrated this well with Mount Sorrel narrowly defeating Ortona in the finals. The Christmas hockey challenge saw the MCpls defeat the Cpl/Ptes and the Snr NCOs tie the Officers only to end up winning 2 to 1 in a Shoot-out. The Mens Christmas Dinner, with entertainment provided by the "Hong Kong Cowboy", brought out several closet Karaokeers and ended a full and challenging year on a high if not somewhat off key note.

THE ESSENCE

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Field Marshall Viscount Montgomery KG, GCB, DSO
1950



Christmas in Hollywood- 3PPCLI dreaming of a white Christmas...NOT!



The Regiment exercising its Freedom of the City of Kamloops, as part of the change of command parade

A Coy 3PPCLI The Rocky Mountain Rangers

The Rocky Mountain Rangers are a Militia unit with a headquarters, rifle company in Kamloops with a detached platoon in Salmon Arm. They trace their origins to 1885, when they were raised to assist in dealing with the Riel Rebellion, and have since undergone a few changes. The regiment served in both World Wars.

In June of 1994 a new chapter of their history was started with the arrival of two officer and five senior NCOs from the Patricia's to assist them in attaining their new training mission: to provide a rifle company and a reconnaissance platoon to 3PPCLI.

This is not the Regiments first connection with the Patricia's: it was commanded by Lcol Jim Stone prior to his departure for Korea, and a number of long serving Patricia's have retired in the area. Some, such as Major Don Pippolo and Captain Marv Dyck currently serve with the unit.



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Capt Szelec briefs members of the Recce Course for the final ex.

The immediate impact of our arrival was evident in the Armoury with the sudden arrival of a rifle company worth of CFFET, which was efficiently crammed into the available space by WO Ron Hamilton, the new A Coy CQ. A basic recce course was also under way within a week of our arrival. The course was conducted by Captain Hank Szelec, WO Steve Charchuk (newly arrived from Iraq via CFB Kingston), WO Tony Meier, and Sgt Mike House.

Our arrival was not so evident to the general populace, who were not really aware of a military presence in Kamloops. This soon changed, with the Recce course conducting all its training in the local area, and as the members of the unit geared up for the BC District Commander's evaluation. This public exposure culminated with a change of command parade in October in downtown Kamloops.



Cpl Kendig struggles in the traces.



LCol Feller assumes command.

This parade saw LCol Tony Walters hand over the Regiment to Lcol John Feller, a retired Military Engineer with 22 years of Regular Force service.

In October and November, all training activities centered around preparing the unit for the Commanders Evaluation. The Regiment arrived in Chilliwack in November well prepared, and 1 Platoon strutted their stuff by recording the fastest time in the District for the 3.2Km run at 18 minutes and 15 seconds. This was the payoff for three months of intensive preparations that included weekly PT.



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December saw the beginning of the Basic Winter Warfare course, with a very successful exercise in a local training area. This exercise was capped off with an early return to the Armoury for the annual Kiska Dinner. The Kiska Dinner serves to commemorate both the units actions in the Kiska Islands in World War Two and the annual Christmas Dinner.

Throughout the latter part of 1994, the Regiment placed a heavy emphasis on recruiting, and was able to enrol 14

new soldiers. The success of the Regiment's ability to meet its 10/90 tasks will depend on being able to recruit as many soldiers as possible. This will no doubt be a lot easier when Captain Szelec returns from the PPCLI Battle School.



Members of 1 Pl enjoying the food at the Salmon Arm Armoury

To date, the 3PPCLI cadre members have been made to feel quite welcome in their new home, and we have all become involved in all facets of life in our adoptive Regiment (much to the chagrin of MWO Bartlett, who in addition to being CSM A Coy is also the Treasurer of the mess and the unit Cadet Liaison Officer).

The coming year offers many challenges to the Rangers, including preparing for a nine day deployment to Ft Lewis, WA, conducting an in house QL 3 course, and organizing for the summer move to Dundurn. If the successes of the first six months are an indication of what the future holds, the Rocky Rangers are sure to rise to the challenge.



Capt Anderson and WO Meier (Where is that waskaly wabbit !)



Prep for night shoot

L to R Pte Gunderson, Cpl Fuller, MCpl Firlotte

B Coy 3PPCLI- Royal Westminster Regiment

There are seven members of the 3PPCLI cadre, plus WO Peter Stott, MWO Arnie Day, and MCpl Greg Firlotte three former Patricias, parading with the Royal Westminster Regiment. In addition The Royal Westminster Regiment has a solid record of supporting all Battalions of the PPCLI during UN deployments, there are a large number of Westie soldiers who have soldiered side by side with the Patricia's.

The 3PPCLI cadre is employed in B Company and TOW Platoon and work both in New Westminster and Aldergrove. Since our arrival in New Westminster and Aldergrove we have been busy with the implementation of the 10/90 program. The first major challenge came in July 94 with the Basic TOW Gunner course. The course had to be organized and conducted in the middle of a major armoury renovation project (read sea containers) and the transferring of 3PPCLI veh, weapons and equipment (read 45 ft Trailers). The problems were solved and the course concluded successfully qualifying sixteen soldiers. It proved to be an excellent start of the implementation of the 10/90 program.

The first few months of the fall saw the major focus being on refresher training, including the PWT and the B.C. District Soldiers Skills Evaluation. IN January, February and March, the focus will shift to section and platoon level offensive operations. Live fire section, platoon and possibly coy level exercises are planned during the B.C. District Gun Camp and the month of April 95.

The quality of a Westie soldier is good and the only serious limiting factor is the number of soldiers presently parad-

ing. As a result all the Patricia's of the 3PPCLI cadre will be getting involved in the recruiting process during the winter of 1995.

All in all, The Royal Westminster Regiment has extended a warm welcome to the cadre and it has proven to be a very enjoyable place to live and work.



PPCLI Cadre

Tow Platoon

1994 was a busy year for Anti Armour Platoon (AAP) of The Royal Westminster Regiment. The year began with the platoon starting from scratch, and ending with preparations for upcoming exercises like exercises Westie Rapier and Cougar Salvo.

AAP began with the posting in of Regular Force cadre and quickly proceeded to the selection of troops for the Basic Anti Armour Gunner's Course. Sixteen troops were chosen for the course which ran from 25 July to 22 August. The men of The Royal Westminster Regiment proved that they were up to the challenge, as all sixteen men passed the course which culminated in Pte Harrington's successful live firing of a Tow missile in Yakima Washington.

AAP The Royal Westminster Regiment also had another first this year. MCpl DG Askey was selected for the Advanced Anti Armour Course at CTC Gagetown and became one of the first of these militiamen to be offered this course. After a demanding eight weeks from 4 October to 22 November he successfully completed the course with a commendable performance.

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AAP then went on to show that they are soldiers first, specialists second with their good showing in the B.C. District Soldier Skills Evaluation held at CFB Chilliwack from 18 November to 20 November.

After the Soldier Skills Evaluation AAP began concentrating on TOW training that led up to the Christmas break. After some well deserved rest AAP was ready to pick up where it left off and carry on into 1995.





Christmas Seaforth style. The Mens Christmas Dinner is celebrated as the Ortona Dinner, commemorating hard fought battles in 2Bde, along side the PPCLI and L Edm R.



Sgt Vadgama (left in kilt) explains "a thing or two about a thing or two" to the Bulldog, Sgt Whittall. Sgt Purdy awaits his go.

C COY 3 PPCLI

THE SEAFORTH HIGHLANDERS OF CANADA

1994 has been a busy year for the Seaforth Highlanders of Canada. As well as the regular schedule of training, regimental, and ceremonial events, the Seaforths formed C Coy of 3 PPCLI. The Seaforths have been tasked with providing a Rifle Company (minus) and the Mortar Platoon to the Bn this has meant an influx of additional Regular Force pers to keep the RSS staff company. In total, there are now ten Patricias serving with the Seaforths.



The winning team: 7 Pl (Mors) and others in fine, soggy form after the 3.2 km "cake walk" at the Comds Eval.

The first order of business on arriving from Victoria in July, after saying a sad farewell to Work Point Barracks, was to run a QL 4 Mortar course in the Seaforth Armoury. The course proved very successful, providing 13 new mortarmen to the Seaforths and the Royal Regina Rifles. The deployment of Yakima and the live-fire portion of the course ran more smoothly than could possibly be hoped. One of the crews even showed WO Murphy how much better a well-cleaned tube fires; or at least until it's used as wheel blocks for an Itlis.



Pte Collard (L) quickly explains to Pte Dhillon (R) the difference between "stand by" and "stand down". Dense vegetation of Yakima, WA in the background.

Since the summer we have participated in a number of weekend exercises, the most notable being the PWT weekend, and the BC District Basic Skills Evaluation, where a number of the Seaforth cadre were called on to assess (read terrorize) District units in weapons in handling drills.



Pte Hannis (L) seems unsure of the mechanical ability of Cpl Harris. Pte Freund (far left, on tube) completes yet another misfire drill.

Aside from that life for most of us in Vancouver has been spent sipping lattes in the sunshine, and finding Lt Ankersen a cardboard box he can afford to live in. All except Capt Weiss and WO Stander, who spend most of their time at the Ron Zalco fitness club, working out and/or supervising aerobics classes.



The conspiracy: Cpl Harris inserts the cleaning rag into the tube. Pte Freund, innocently lays the mortar.

D and E Coy 3PPCLI

THE CANADIAN SCOTTISH REGIMENT (PRINCESS MARY'S)

At time of writing we are seven months into the 10/90 trial. The Regiment has benefited from the inclusion amongst our ranks of a very strong willed and independent minded group of individuals known as the Scottish. My

fellow Patricias and I count ourselves as friends of the Scottish.

The Scottish have come to 3 PPCLI with a vibrant history as colourful as our own. Our two regiments sprang from the same soil, born in the dark days of war, blooded in the trenches of Flanders. We share several Battle Honours, Ypres, Vimy, Passchendaele and Amiens to name but a few. One very unique event that serves to distinguish one regiment from the other, and has influenced the development of both units down to this day, was the assignment of one unit to the Permanent Force and the other to the Active Militia at the end of the Great War.

While the reality of soldiering between the wars was little different, very little equipment, less ammunition, lots of PT, the cultures of the regiments diverged. While the Patricias developed the attitudes and perspectives of the long-service professional the Scottish returned to the task of motivating and retaining the volunteer with less than adequate resources. Both units arrived upon the eve of the next war in similar states: ill equipped and unprepared for the new mobile warfare about to break upon the world.

Our Regiments shared the drudgery of training in England, the never ending schemes and exercises which never seemed to bring the end of the war any closer. When the Patricias landed in Sicily the Scottish were preparing for Northwest Europe. Shortly after the Patricias opened the Liri Valley and the road to Rome the Scottish landed a company in Normandy and secured a beachhead which would eventually lead to the defeat of Nazi Germany. The two units found themselves on the same battlefield yet again when the Patricias were brought north for the crossing of the Ijssel and the liberation of Holland.

The advent of the Cold War saw the emergence of a distinct advantage favouring the Patricias. The political will to provide money and equipment necessary to prepare for war. Both Regiments experienced the ups and downs of peacetime soldiering and changing political priorities and each was forced to rely on the well spring of their strength during very difficult times: the private soldier. The technical side of soldiering can be imparted in a relatively brief amount of time to almost any individual; that is why large armies exist. What cannot be taught is spirit; that is why regiments exist and the Scottish take a back seat to no one in this respect.

Due to career courses and operational commitments the arrival of the cadre has been steady since July and finally finished in November. The leading edge were the Pioneers in Port Alberni in July, who then moved down to Nanaimo for an abbreviated version of the Pioneer course



Alright Bajema, two out of three, and no cocking the wrist this time!

(just the good stuff). WO Marchioni and Sgt Bajema had an interesting summer with the troops though I am not sure who learned more from whom. The Pioneers were ably supported by the CQ, WO Turple who, in his off hours, wiled away the time driving his stores up and down the Island Highway hoping to get the opportunity to offload his stuff somewhere in the greater Nanaimo area. Next 2 IC B arrived on the ground happy to be here but just a little bit confused as to who the other 2 IC B was and unsure as to why the Company needed two. Captain Brister landed on his feet though and happily began torturing the CQ with memos and other bits of paperwork which seemed to keep the old CQ off balance for most of the fall. WO Smith also arrived at this time and took up residence in Courtenay where he promptly began closely scrutinizing the walls of his office. Thankfully he gets out more now that he has gotten into the stride of things and can be found most frequently harassing prospective recruits at local schools. B Coy cadre were made complete with the return of CSM Soucie from Croatia in November. Evidently the tour in Yugo made quite an impression on him as he felt it necessary to do a little peacemaking of his own with several local miscreants on his front lawn.

The Scottish down in Bay Street may have had fewer Patricias to deal with initially, but there were louder ones. CSM Thibeau, ably supported by WO Forbes, spared no effort to let the troops know that 10/90 had arrived. Mind you it was summer and the only troops around were the Orderly Room staff. The bluster aside they got the training year off with a bang and soldiered on while the rest of the team trickled in off leave from Yugo. WO Annand and MCPL Wadleigh arrived in mid November and WO Murphy, having left the Patricias, donned his kilt and moved into Stores as the new CQ. Life was made much easier for CSM.



No, No I think the hot tub should go over by the palm trees!

Thibeau when Captain Beyer and MWO Gallant arrived to form the Ops Cell and began drafting the five or six versions of the Regimental Weekend Instruction which would be required to end the calender year on a suitably inspirational note.

While we have come a long way in the last seven months it has not been easy and there remains much to be done. We face many challenges and there will be setbacks along the way. The Scottish cadre will attack these problems with tenacity and just a little bit of humour. One can argue the merits of the 10/90 concept, the practicalities of it all, but one cannot dispute the fact that it is a very interesting place to be.



The Scottish bring civil labour practices to Pioneer Pl

Administration Company - 3PPCLI

The focus and main effort of Administration Company for 1994 was the closeout and move of the unit from Workpoint Barracks to Chilliwack and the subsequent stand up of the 10/90 Battalion. This process began early in the year and by mid July the majority of kit and vehicles had reached their final destinations much to the amazement of our Quartermaster Capt "Bunny" Horlock and his over-worked section. Hats off to all concerned; in particular, the RQMS, WO King and the TQMS, Sgt Matthews.

Concurrently, the company was also responsible for supporting the annual BC District Gun Camp, Exercise COUGAR SALVO 94, in March and the planning, coordination and conduct of the all ranks Farewell Ball. Thanks to our 2IC, Capt Dave Justice, and a cast of thousands, both events were extremely successful and well executed.

Upon arrival in Chilliwack, the company 40 all ranks, began the task of moving in and getting prepared to support the first 10/90 Battalion QL 4 course cycle conducted at Yakima Training Centre, Washington. This was compounded by the fact that the Maintenance building was undergoing some serious and much needed renovations; the QM building was still occupied by another lodger unit on Base; the Transport Platoon was three strong including the TO and 2IC; and new personnel as well as those from Esquimalt were in the process of moving families. Despite this saga of woe, elements of Administration Company, led by the TO, Capt "Stinky" Lindsey, were deployed in support of the PCF courses and performed to their normal high standard.



Pte Clipsham, the last private in Adm Coy promoted to Cpl

Back in Chilliwack, the ETQMS, MWO H.A. Rerrie, as the author of the plan, continued to monitor the progress of the renovations at the Maintenance building. This was no small feat as the maintenance facility was a very old building which required extensive renovations. In fact over Two Hundred Thousand dollars was spent renovating the building which now meets our needs very nicely. At the same time our new RQMS, MWO Trudel was coordinating the handover of the QM building from the Regional Medical Equipment Depot (RMED) so that we would have somewhere to store fifteen 45 foot trailers worth of equipment. Both facilities were fully occupied by mid October.



Bcomd CFB Chilliwack Col RK St.John and CO 3PPCLI tour the new Maintenance Bldg

Maintenance Platoon quickly began turning wrenches and MCpl "Hulkster" Hahn, the SPSS IC, set about the unenviable task of sorting out parts. The QM Section started the enormous and methodical job of re-warehousing the facility, off-loading stores and equipment, and coordinating the redistribution of the CFFET to our outlying companies. Meanwhile, Transport Platoon was busy verifying the vehicle fleet CFRs and was also responsible for running the annual unit marksmanship training culminating in the PWT.

The company also managed to conducted two weekend shake out exercises in the fall which incorporated both our fulltime and part time members. All in all it was an extremely busy and challenging year for both the past and present members of Administration Company.



PPCLI BATTLE SCHOOL

"Management of change", "change is the only constant", "changing times", all buzz words of the 1990's. These buzz words applied to the Battle School in 1994 as it was a year of considerable change. We changed HQ buildings while building 185 was renovated. We changed the name of Headquarters Coy to Administration Coy and then to Training Support Coy. ARTS and NRQS were changed to AC and NC respectively. We changed RSMs and DCOs several times plus numerous other key appointments. We changed the candidate's lounge. We changed the Battle School supply organization. Plus many other changes too numerous to mention. Some of these changes were routine and a normal course of affairs in our chosen profession. However, most changes were aimed at improving the efficiency in the way the Battle School does business in these times of fiscal restraint. (I promised myself I wouldn't use that term!)

With the recruit "tap" turned back on (and then off again), centres of excellence responsibilities being devolved to Battle Schools, Reserve collective training in full swing, planning, design and implementation of decentralized training being coaxed forward and the implementation of the JNCO course, the Battle School was busier than ever in 1994. The School conducted 38 courses of all types this year; Reserve and Regular Force, basic and leadership, Infantry and Armour, Jr NCO and officer courses, with plans to conduct SAIC courses next year.

The pace of training aside, the high point of this year was the visit of our Colonel-in-Chief, The Countess Mountbatten of Burma in July. Her visit was celebrated in fine fashion with the premiere event being the Family Day. Other visitors throughout the year included the Commanders of LFWA, both MGen DeFaye and MGen Addy, Comd 1CMBG, BGen Cox and numerous other COs, Sr Staff Officers and guests.

The Battle School bade a sad farewell to Lt Hendrickson, CWO Scott, Sgts Aarbo, Baker and Langford, MCpls Mountain and Fraser and Cpl Austad in 1994 as all took their release from the CF. The year came to an end with the Mens' Christmas Dinner where a number of Battle School personnel were recognized for exceptional performance promoted were MWO Kolotylo, WOs Simon and Leonard and Sgt Komadina. Sgt Komadina was also awarded the Regimental Achievement Award for being the top candidate on SAIC Course serial 9302.

Battle School Headquarters



MCpl Weatherbie helps the Colonel of the Regiment enjoy his visit to the Battle School.

This year saw Maj Fraser posted and Maj Corry arrive as the new DCO. CWO Scott retired from the CF and CWO Descoteaux was posted in as the new RSM. (Though Mr. Scott still gives the CO a run for his money on the squash court every lunch hour.) Capt Bruce moved from the Adj't's chair into the Chief Instructor's position and Capt Oliphant was posted in as the new Adj't. The CO's secretary, Mary Lou MacMillan went on six months maternity leave and was replaced by Elaine Seib and Allison Simon moved in as the Battle School secretary. MWO Anderson was posted out of the QMSI's position and replaced by MWO Pryce. The only real continuity in the HQ was the CO, LCol Lockyer who had his hands full retraining his new staff and trying to keep up with Mr. Scott on the squash court.





LCol Lockyer presents 2Lt Smith with her BCT 3 Armour Course Certificate.

With the completion of renovations to the HQ building, the ADP system was hard wired in and the School LAN up and in full gear except for the odd occasion, "You have 30 seconds to log off before system shut down."



MCpl Davies and 2 Section pause after an attack, wondering if they followed the same trace as the rest of the platoon.



RSM Descoteaux, runner up in Battle School camouflage competition.

Oh yes. I would be remiss if I didn't mention the newest addition the HQ vehicle fleet. The CI (don't tell the DCO that) acquired a brand new aqua green (we can't paint it until the warranty runs out) blazer.



"MCpl, I think this thing is stuck." Pte MacIntyre attempts to master the M72.

As we watched the sun slowly set over the horizon to signal the start of another glorious day... If you were a camper this would be the ideal morning, but for the soldiers of Recruit Company it signals another day closer to the end of training. Since the beginning of January soldiers have been pouring through the gates of Camp Wainwright to begin their basic training either as Regular or Reserve soldiers. After a two year lull in training it was a great pleasure for the staff of Recruit Company to see so many happy faces arrive at the Battle School, both augmentee staff and candidates.



"Rock 'n Roll." MCpl Snow gives fire control orders on the C6.



The Army's secret weapon, the INFANTRY-MAN. Pte Marr assaults a trench.



"Stand by." Pte Frye fires the 84mm as MCpl Snow observes.

Those faces soon changed as they realized that their lives were about to change forever. The first shock came to these trainees at 0530 hrs in the morning when they began their first physical training period and realized this routine would continue for the next seventeen weeks. They would participate in patrolling and defensive exercises and a final training exercise which covers all phases of war. However, before they reach this stage they will have to master all of the weapons available to an infantry platoon, including C-7, C-9, C-6, ISRAAW(L) (M72), SRAAW (H) (Carl Gustav), 60mm mortar and M67 fragmentation grenade. They will also be tested on Regimental history, map and compass, unarmed combat and AFV/aircraft recognition.

Recruit Company was not immune to change in 1994. The OC, Maj Gotthardt was employed temporarily as the DCO and then cross posted as OC Leadership Company and Capt El Jackson took over the helm of the Company in the summer. Capt Kyle Easton was posted in to the Battle School and took over the Coy 2IC position from Capt Jackson. In November, Maj Brause was posted in from the First Bn as OC Recruit and Capt Jackson left the School to try his fortunes in Calgary. In December, the Coy said farewell to our typist, Mrs. Pat Carey who was replaced by Mrs. Cheryl Toronyi. And with the centralization of Battle School stores, the Coy lost its CQ, WO Blades and CQ staff. Continuity in the Coy was maintained by the CSM, MWO Sparks, and the Coy clerk, Cpl Kehoe.



Demonstration Troops modelling their finest "Enemy Force" outfits.



Recruit Coy started ten QL3 Regular courses in 1994, five of which graduated this year. We also conducted a total of seven QL3 and QL2/3 Reserve courses. The average course load was five platoons in house at any given time.

Leadership Company



JNCO Serial 9401 Graduation Parade.



WO Penny and Sgt Andreone display the product of their endless weeks of molding and nurturing.

In an attempt to summarize the highlights of 1994, I came to the conclusion that not only did Capt Boyne have the opportunity to try his hand at Coy 2IC and A/OC upon Maj Willow's posting, but it also appears he was trying to take over the company clerk, Mrs. Pat Gallant's, job as well, based on his computer and keyboard prowess. The one job

he didn't try his hand at was the CSM, obviously MWO McNaughton's shoes were just too big to fill or he didn't have enough feet to go around. In the summer, Capt Boyne passed command of the Coy to Maj Gotthardt and he was put into the Training Officer position behind Capt Wiegand who went in as OC HQ/Administration/Training Support Coy to replace Capt Creighton who was posted to LFWAHQ where he took over from.... ah, the domino effect. 1994 also saw the Coy lose its CQ, WO Blunden, who, with the centralization of stores became the School TQMS with Administration Coy. The Coy was bolstered by the move of Lt Hendrickson from Recruit Coy to Leadership as the Sniper/Small Arms Officer.



Hey Sergeant, is it okay if we leave it like this? It'll still keep the rain off us.



Cpl Lavallee receives the Best Candidate Award for JNCO Course 9401 from LCol Lockyer.



Leadership Coy also consisted of WO Kolotylo, who spent much of the fall on his QL7 course, Sgts Reid, Andreone and Casey and MCpl Gallant. The other arms were also well represented by WO Rusk, RCA, Sgt Brown, RCD and Sgt Frost from 1CER.



I don't know where I am MCpl. I can't find the "D" on the map.



PPCLI Battle School UNITED NATIONS Training Cadre Jamaica. "The few, The proud, The dehydrated."

This year saw a number of firsts for Leadership Coy. The Army Junior Non-Commissioned Officer Course, developed to replace all existing junior leadership courses, commenced its trial in January. It is structured so that all personnel in the Army can attend the same course and develop similar leadership skills. The Coy ran seven JNCO serials this year, one serial attended by 6 foreign students from the Baltic States. In September, Maj Gotthardt assembled a team of the most worthy and sunburn resistant members

of the Battle School to travel to Jamaica to train a JDF company for UN duties in Haiti. Food, living conditions, parasites, vermin, heat, humidity, travel complications and long working hours aside, this was a welcome break for all.

Militia Training and Support Company

"The West was troubled. The units of Reserve ran rampant over the Land. The King of Western Area saw this and was dismayed. He summoned 'Prince John of School' and said unto him "Go thee hence and see for thyself the disarray that abounds in our Land".

'Prince John of School' went forth with his bold knights of good standing and saw the chaos that was. He beckoned to 'Sir Murray of Armour' and said unto him, "Pray thou taketh these forlorn units and focus their efforts towards a common goal". 'Sir Murray' did as the Prince bade and with his omnipresent page boy 'Little Dougie' at his side, set about selecting his men.

The men, directed 'Sir Murray', must be of stout build, sound character and look good in tights (for in those days it was important to look good.) 'Little Dougie' set forth searching high and mostly low for such men with no gain. In his travels he discovered that most of the men taken to the wearing of tights were under the employ of 'Sir Gotthardt of Leader'.

'Little Dougie' had no problem finding stout men because all the men of stately stature were employed by 'Sir El of Recruit'.

The land was scoured for such men and finally the required number were found. 'Sir Murray' looked upon these men and was pleased. He then set about to carry out 'Prince John's' direction and MTSC was born."

That is not really how it was but it makes a good story.

MTSC in its first operational year has been extremely busy. The first major undertaking was the Worthington Competition in April and May where the Reserve Armour units of Western Canada are evaluated on their operational capabilities. Maj 'Tex' MacLure and MWO Ed 'I did it my way' Bates spent many sleepless nights ensuring that it went according to plan and are well deserving of the accolades that were received from the Reserve units.



BCT Armour graduation.



"The Ring of Steel".



BCT Armour candidates and staff.



QL4 Cougar Gunner course.



QL3 Armour Graduates.

The next major undertaking for the staff was the planning and implementation of the ARTS/NRQS training plan. The brunt of this fell to Capt Kromrey and WO Hedley who did an excellent job. The courses that were conducted by MTSC included BCT Armd, QL4 Recce, QL3 Armd and QL4 Cougar Gunner. Augmentees came from all over Canada to help staff these courses. The Reserve augmentees did an excellent job in training the candidates on all courses and even taught some "Reg Force Vets" a thing or two.



Administration Company

Command of Administration Company changed during the summer of 1994 when Capt Creighton was posted from the Battle School to LFWAHQ and replaced by Capt Wiegand, formerly the Training Officer. Capt Vernon, from the Royal Regina Rifles, was employed as the Coy 2IC from March until the end of December. MWO Smith remained as the CSM.

Transportation Platoon changed hands when Sgt Stone was cross posted to Recruit and subsequently went on his 6B Course. He was replaced by Sgt Arsenaault as the Transportation NCO, ably assisted by MCpl Keer as Transportation 2IC. MCpl Zaluski stayed on as the Dispatcher on a Class B contract. Cpl Smith was posted into the platoon in November after a tour in Croatia with the First BN was employed as the CO's driver. He replaced Cpl Zubiak who was posted out of the Battle School. Transport Platoon also lost Cpl Simmons who was cross posted to stores and Cpl Sheppard who was posted to the Second Bn. Cpl Evans was also moved into the Training Media Section.



QL4 Recve graduates.



Cpl Henriksson providing Air Force logic to the Army's simple training problems.

In September, the collective training cycle started with a vengeance. This entailed the Reserve Infantry and Armour units coming to Wainwright to conduct unit training from section/fire team to platoon/troop level. It was viewed by some initially with scepticism but after the first units had completed their exercises it soon became apparent that the benefits were tremendous.



Cpl Lessard being chastised on proper file naming conventions by the System Manager, Linda Greig.

In an effort to improve efficiency, Leadership and Recruit Coy CQ stores were amalgamated into the Battle School Stores which saw the addition of Cpl Simmons into field stores and WO Blunden into the TQMS position. The section is rounded out with WO Gallant as the SQMS, MBdr Houle as the ammo NCO and Cpl MacKeage as the weapons storeman. The additional responsibilities will be a challenge, but will streamline the overall supply process within the school.



Sgt Arsenaault explaining to the QMSI, MWO Anderson, why duties are not applicable to the Transport NCO.

The task of setting up all field firing ranges and March and Shoot competitions falls to the Field Training Section. This section was commanded by Sgt Hall who was assisted by up to 17 augmentees throughout the year.



Sgt Baker displays his enthusiasm after successfully performing 3-hole punch drills.

With the devolution of centres of excellence responsibilities to the Battle School, the Standards Section was kept busy this year maintaining courseware for up to 28 courses. This entailed the amending and updating of these Course Training Standards and Training Plans and master lesson plans. Aside from instructor assessment the Standards Section was also tasked with compiling course histories, a mammoth undertaking. This section was commanded by Capt Pigden, although he spent the last 5 months of the year on French Courses. His responsibilities passed to his 2IC, Capt Liebert. WO Hoffart was replaced this year by WO Johnson

as the section 3IC. This section was very well served over the year by its two typists, Rosemary Bakker and Maureen Amonson.



OC Admin, Capt Creighton. Probably signing over deeds to another house he won't get to live in.

The Training Media Section was run by Sgt Wozniak who had the diverse job of coordinating the Library with Mrs. Liz Munter, the photo shop with MCpl Plante and the Graphic Arts Section with Roxanne Dunbar. The Graphic Arts Section was joined by Mr. Bill Pearce in November this year. He brings over 20 years of experience to the section all the way from Cornwallis N.S. Liz Munter replaced Karen Bushey this year and has implemented the MOLLI system for accounting for all library resources.



Cpl Evans demonstrates the safety precautions for the 3-hole punch.



Holding Pl was very capability commanded by Sgt MacLaren. He had the responsibility of looking after the welfare of up to 47 soldiers at varying stages of training while they waited to either rejoin training, be released or be transferred.



"I'll trade you three BDSR's for a pair of LOTP's."

In the Orderly Room, WO MacDonald was posted this year and replaced with PO1 MacGregor as the Chief Clerk. The PO brings a salty flavour to the administrative workings of the school. His 2IC, MCpl Purdy replaced MCpl Fraser who took his release from the CF this year. Cpl Henriksson stayed on as the R & D Clerk (God knows how many frequent flyer bonuses she has now) and Cpl Lessard continued to work deep in the bowels of the CR. He was joined this year by Mrs. Sandy Liebert who quickly learned the nuances of the school filing system. MCpl Lee joined the Battle School this year as the finance NCO. In addition to doing claims she assists CWO Caron, our finance advisor, in keeping the books if not balanced, at least legal.

And lastly, the ADP Section. Capt Drawson was posted into the school this year as the Sig O. He hit the ground running, with responsibility for over 50 computers of differing configurations. He hasn't seen a radio since he joined us and don't dare ask him when we will be connected to the AWAN. He is ably assisted by Mrs. Linda Greig, Mr. Doug Hollinger and Mr. Rick Krinbill who have mystical titles like system programmer, ADP manager and network coordinator or some such thing.

AT THE TIME OF PUBLICATION WE WERE SADDENED BY THE DEATH OF MGEN G.G. BROWN A FORMER COLONEL OF THE REGIMENT.

Major General George Grenville Brown, former Colonel of the Regiment of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, passed away peacefully at the Colonel Belcher Hospital on March 14, 1995 at the age of 72 years. General Brown was born in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. He received his early education in Regina and Lloydminster and started his military service in 1937 as a trooper with the 16/22 Saskatchewan Horse. He attended the Royal Military College in Kingston, Ontario from 1940 until 1942 from where he went overseas as an infantry reinforcement officer. He joined the Loyal Edmonton Regiment in November, 1943 and served with the unit in Italy and North West Europe. In 1946, General Brown transferred to Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry. He held various command and staff appointments culminating with his promotion to Lieutenant Colonel in 1962 and assuming command of the First Battalion of his Regiment. He commanded his battalion both in Esquimalt, B.C. and in West Germany. During his tenure, in 1965, he was made Chief WE-CHA-AN-NICHA (Defender) by Chief Archdale of the Sioux Indians. In August, 1965, he was posted as Chief of Infantry designated to Mobile Command Headquarters on its formation in Montreal. In April, 1966 he was promoted to the rank of Colonel and formally appointed Chief of Infantry. In July, 1967, he also assumed the duties of Deputy Chief of Staff Training. In August, 1968, General Brown attended the National Defence College in Kingston, Ontario until July, 1969, when he was appointed Director of Equipment Requirements, Land at NDHQ. In June, 1970, he was promoted Brigadier - General and became Chief of Staff for Operations at Mobile Command Headquarters. In August, 1972, he took command of 1 Canadian Brigade Group in Calgary, Alberta. In August, 1974, General Brown was promoted to his present rank and appointed Chief of Land Operations at NDHQ and in July, 1975 was appointed Deputy Commander of Mobile Command. He was admitted to the Order of St. John of Jerusalem in the grade of Serving Brother in June, 1976. In April, 1977, Major - General Brown was appointed Colonel of the Regiment, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, a position he held until July, 1983. He retired from the Regular Force on November 14, 1977 and took up residence in Calgary where he was employed as an officer of the Alberta Energy Company until his retirement in 1986.

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2 COMMANDO, CANADIAN AIRBORNE REGIMENT



Members of 2 CDO parade with C CO 1-325 air in Petawawa, Nov 94.

Summary of Major Events in 1994

1. Exercise PEGASUS BLIZZARD, 6-14 January;
2. Regimental Winter military skills competition, 8-10 February;
3. Small Unit Exchange, Fort Bragg, 10-27 March;
4. Exercise NORMANDY SALUTE, 3-10 June;
5. Exercise PEGASUS FIGHTER, Fort Benning, 5-18 May;
6. Reserve training, Meaford July-August;
7. Commando Fall exercises.
8. Disbandment of the Canadian Airborne Regiment.

Introduction

Once again, 2 Commando have been treated to a busy year. In addition to the major training highlights above, most members of the Commando participated in Regimentally-conducted patrol schools and patrol test exercises. Late Summer and Fall saw most members of 2 Commando involved in platoon competitions and the annual cycle of PCF courses.

Not a single "slack" week has been allowed to elapse in Petawawa and every man was relieved to escape onto Christmas block leave on 16 December. All personal kit was prepared for a Winter exercise on return from leave. However, on first parade after leave 2 Commando received the welcome news that the Canadian Airborne Regiment was due to take over Op HARMONY ROTO 6 in Croatia; recent events have sadly overshadowed all preparations and it was with great sadness that the members of 2 Commando learned of the Canadian Airborne Regiment's disbandment due on 4/5 March 1995.

Exercise PEGASUS BLIZZARD

This exercise was designed as a fast-paced airborne exercise testing 2 Commando and the Regiment in offensive operations. Luckily, the night parachute insertion did not set the tone for all future exercise serials. Whilst falling (just) short of disaster proportions, most people were bumped up a couple of places up the chain of command. Particularly cold conditions froze several parachutists' doors and several soldiers did not get the welcome slipstream up their skirts. Those lucky enough to jump and land in the general exercise area moved straight into a tiring advance with undermanned sections.

Offensive patrolling and Commando-level raids were the feature of the remainder of the exercise. Even the OC was killed off for a period of time (rumours that he spent the waiting period blowing the foam off a few in "Fred's" are entirely inaccurate!)

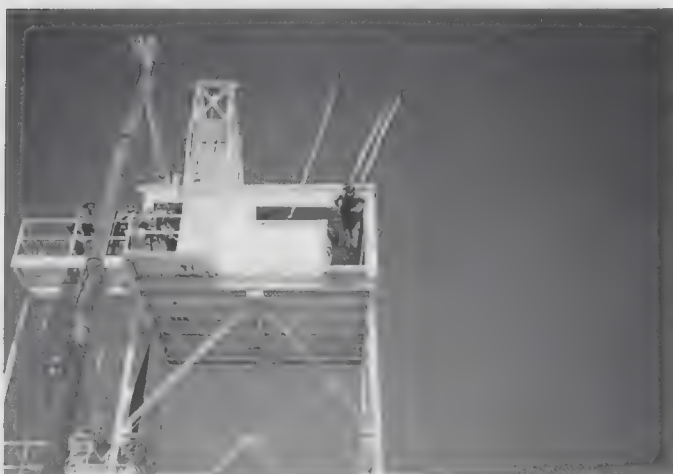


Winter Military Skills Competition

A week of section and platoon-level competitions fell in the still-cold month of February. Special mention must be made of Captain Sox's 5 Platoon and Captain Nash's 4 Platoon who finished the week as first and second-placed platoons in the Regiment respectively.

SUE Fort Bragg

2 Commando were the "chosen ones" participating in the SUE with the 82 AB Div in Fort Bragg, North Carolina. The training program included a number of platoon training days, some Commando-level training and involved participation in a Brigade-level FTX.



2 CDO conduct para refresher training with us 82 AB Division March 94.

R and R highlights included a hosted visit to Washington DC and a rugby match where the results was tied but 2 Commando definitely won the naked beer keg toss, thanks to the efforts of Cpl Powers et al.



CPL Roy of 2 CDO during field firing exercise.

Exercise NORMANDY SALUTE

The Commando provided more than its fair share of the 150 personnel from the Canadian Airborne Regiment participating in the 50th anniversary of the Normandy landings. The chance to commemorate the exploits and achievements of the 1st Canadian Parachute Battalion was a memorable and poignant one. Luckily, gale-force winds in England and northern France cleared long enough for the commemorative parachute jump to be effected. All were treated to a first class battlefield tour and chance to meet some of the Canadian and British veterans of that operation.

Reserve Infantry Training, Meaford

The whole of 2 Commando deployed to Meaford on the shores of Lake Huron to conduct several QL3 Reserve infantry serials. Instructor experience was increased for all ranks and particularly useful for several of the Commando's ISCC-qualified Corporals.

Fall Training

The Commando conducted a very successful 3-day live fire exercise in late September. Sadly, the parachute insertion went the way too many jumps have, and was cancelled due to low cloud cover. A series of testing scenarios were introduced, working from contacts in DZ RVs through to platoon live fire airmobile assaults with mortar and fast air support.



LCOL P.G. Kenward leads the marchpast for the Normandy invasion commemoration - Jun 94.

The Regiment's Engineer Platoon were delighted to be selected to tow target arrays down the Petawawa River at night into harrowing platoon ambush positions. They were relieved to escape with their lives and looked forward to gaining revenge at the expedient river crossing phase of the



exercise. To their chagrin, this was cancelled due to time constraints and the platoons instead used bridges to reach their next stand, the counter-ambush drills range.

Miscellaneous

There are several accomplishments that should be mentioned. The Canadian Airborne Regiment's small arms team produced their best ever performance at the CFSAC in Ottawa. Several trophies were won by the team which included Sgts Payette and Jure, MCpl Flanders and Cpls Chan, David, Kenney and Palmer.



CDN AB regt's prizewinning shooting team - 1994 includes: Sgts Jure, Macauley, CPLS Klick, Simone, Palmer and Kenney.

The Regiment's team won the NECIC competition in Germany. This was the best ever result by a Canadian team in this infantry competition. The team included Sgt Rheume and Cpl Maclaren.

A climbing team from the Regiment including WO Graham and Cpls Allred, David and Simone participated in a successful attempt to climb Mount Robson, the highest peak in the Canadian Rockies. This was a real accomplishment given the limited training time available and the degree of difficulty experienced.



Members of 2 CDO at the summit of Mt Robson, Aug. 1994.

Promotions

Congratulations are offered to WOs Jure and Parrott, Sgts Little and Skipton. Congratulations also go to MCpls Bradet, Burr, Halcro, Harper, Speed and Walsh on their recent promotions.

The Future of 2 Commando

On 23 January 1995, the Minister of National Defence announced the disbandment of the Canadian Airborne Regiment. At the time of writing, there is only one certainty: the Canadian Airborne Regiment will disband on 4/5 March 1995. There is universal agreement between defence planners that there exists a requirement for a rapidly-deployable parachute force in Canada. Precisely what form and the location of this force has yet to be decided. Whatever follows, you can be assured that when the call for jumpers goes out, Patricia volunteers will be first in line. The final jump for the Commando will see us exit the door with heads up and eyes open. Airborne. Fair winds and soft landings.

History of 2 Commando

1968 - 1993

April 8 1968 saw the formation of the Canadian Airborne Regiment. All new arrivals went through extensive training in Edmonton and the unit deployed on its first Regimental exercise at Camp Wainwright in October.

The following year was filled with exercises in Baffin Island, Wainwright, Jamaica and a return to the Arctic for Defence of Canada operations.



OP ESSAY dominated 1970; following the FLQ's murder of Quebec cabinet minister, Pierre Laporte, the Regiment was flown in to St-Hubert. The Regiment was tasked with internal security operations until the conclusion of the crisis. After redeployment to Edmonton, the Regiment moved to Alaska for a joint Canadian/US exercise.



Soldiers of the CDN AB REGT deploy onto the streets of Montreal during the FLP crisis. 1970

High points of 1972 included the 92-mile march from Fort Assiniboine to Griesbach. Following this, 2 Commando deployed to Jamaica where amongst other things, the unit built rafts and sailed on the Rio Grande for 4 days.

The unit received its first colours in 1973. The 1st Canadian Parachute Battalion Association and First Special Service Force came to watch the parade as their battle honours were carried onto the square.

The next major deployment was to Fort Irwin, California and the Mojave Desert. During this exercise, the Yom Kippur War cut training short and the Regiment was recalled and redeployed to Edmonton. As Canadian commitment to the peacekeeping mission wavered, the Regiment stood down.



Soldiers of the CDN AB REGT on exercise in Jamaica, 1972.



2 Commando on the Rio Grande, Jamaica 1972.

Elements of the Canadian Airborne Regiment deployed to Cyprus in 1974 following the fighting in the northern half of the island. Following the ceasefire, the remainder of the tour was spent manning OPs, patrolling and damage assessment.

The Regiment deployed to Montreal in 1976 for OPERATION GAMES CAN, security at the Olympic Games. The Regiment assumed the responsibilities of manning quick reaction forces to counter the threat of a repeat of the terrorist activities of the 1972 games in Munich.

On 1 July 1977, the Regiment trooped the Queen's Colour before the LGov of Alberta. Two days later, the Regiment conducted its last drop onto DZ Burton prior to the move to Petawawa.



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The move to Petawawa saw the Regiment lose its independent status and become part of the SSF. 1978 saw the unit exercise the freedom of the City of Pembroke as well as amphibious exercises off the coast of Cape Breton.



Tpr Mountain deploys on the line in Cyprus, 1986.

In 1982, the Canadian Airborne Forces Museum opened in Petawawa and refurbishment has continued until the present day. Between 1982 and 1992, the Regiment conducted several overseas training deployments to countries such as Panama, the UK, France and French Guyana. In 1986, the Regiment revisited Cyprus as part of the UN peacekeeping contingent.

On 24 June 1992, 2nd Airborne Commando was amalgamated with other elements of the Canadian Airborne Regiment to create a battalion structure with 2 Commando as an airborne rifle commando commanded by an Officer Commanding rather than a CO.

In Fall 1992, the Regiment received notice to deploy on OP DELIVERANCE in Somalia. The unit served 6 months in the East African country and returned to Canada in May 1993.

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A PARATROOPERS LAST WORDS

If I no more should waken on this earth,
To greet the daily miracle of dawn,
I shall have known much of deepest worth,
Then do not weep for me when I am gone,
High service has been mine, and prayer, and dreaming,
Of that new world which sacrifice should bring,
Oh, I have soared to realms where stars are gleaming,
And raced translucent clouds on silvered wing.

I perish if I perish, well aware,
That life is not too great a price to give,
For truth and freedom. Do not then despair,
When I am gone, but lift your heart and live!
I shall have conquered earth's confining sod,
And willingly gone forth to be with God.

THE FRENCH GREY BATTALION

By Capt S.D. McKinstry



Absent Patricia's - Capt Turner, MWO Bludd, MWO Lafleur, WO Clarke, WO Corriveau, WO McLinchey, WO Whitebone, Sgt Marshall, Sgt Nault, Sgt Wilde, Cpl Bartlett, Cpl Fudge, Cpl McKillop, Cpl Quackenbush, Cpl Rubia, Cpl Schroeder, Pte Leblanc, Pte Lynch, and Pte Murray.

It's that time of year again when RHQ requests that all Patricias, be they in Battalion or on ERE, take pen in hand and submit a short narrative reflecting on the accomplishments of their unit during the past training year. For any unit that could be a time consuming endeavour, for an organization as diverse as the Combat Training Centre it is positively overwhelming. Suffice to say that several courses were taught here in 1994 from Small Arms Instructor to Infantry QL7 with everything else imagineable in between. This training was conducted in part due to the large number of Patricia's employed here in Gagetown. You are probably asking yourself; "just how many Patricias are there anyway?" In response to this burning question I will use this article to provide a brief review of the cast of "Patricia" thousands that work here in virtual anonymity.

Did I say Thousands? Well not quite, the Regimental representation in Gagetown now numbers a whopping 83 god fearing western lads here amongst all these heathen Lower Canadians. The majority of these stalwart soldiers are employed in the "School of Foot" under the tuteledge of Major Blekaitis, while the rest toil away at other glamorous jobs in CTC HQ and Trials and Evaluations. Major Blekaitis still wears the mantle of Chief Instructor and can frequently be seen passing on the benefit of his experience

with the opening line of; "Well old dog...", a line that junior officers have come to recognize as notice of an impending task. In this fight to instill knowledge into the heads of wayward young officers he has recently been joined by Major Drew, the new OC A Coy. For those that know Major Drew you will understand when I say that he has been a virtual breath of fresh air to the hapless courses under his



Major Drew and Phase IV Bloc.

command. It is rumoured that A Coy's budget will be considerably smaller next year as Major Drew will not be entertaining any of those bothersome transport requests for the Phase IV candidates. After all, if walking is good enough for the Rangers then it is good enough for you! Major Drew's is also assisted in the quest to improve the calibre of young officers by CSM Bludd which only solidifies the PPCLI hold on that company.



*MWO Bludd and QL7 Course
"So you're telling me the Legion is this way?"*

Next in the food chain there is the working class, the Captains and WOs. They seem to have most of the SME positions sewed up here in Gagetown, not that we should read anything into this about the quality of the OTHER regiments being employed here. Capt Strickland and WO Boehler are both sporting beards in the Pioneer cell, It did take Capt Strickland considerably longer to achieve "beard" status but age was against him. Capt Bland and WO Clarke



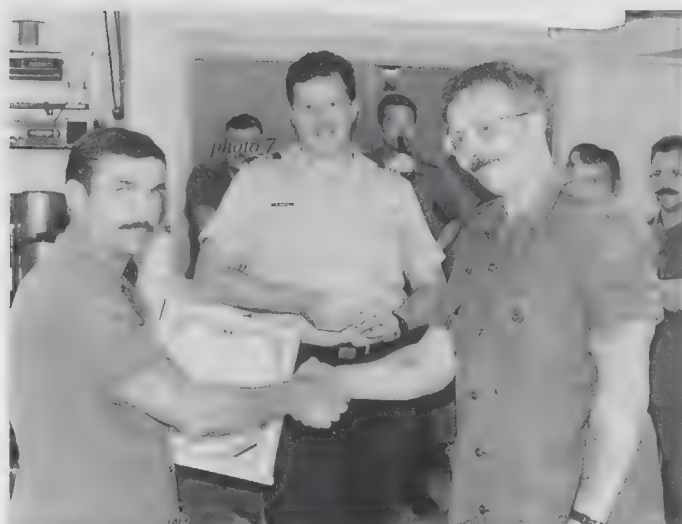
*Capt Strickland and WO Boehler
"I keep telling you sir, my beard is better!"*

are in Advanced Recce "beasting" the boys while across the hall Capt Macinnis, WO's Ames, Jacobs, Warrington as well as Sgt Ryan keep TOW on line. Capt Macinnis is still trying to convince people that the TUA platoon is a manoeuvre element, but that is a pretty hard sell to anybody who has watched a fully loaded TUA lumber by. The revamped QL7 cell now belongs to Capt Turner and he has WO "Monkey" Macneil to keep him honest. Capt "Eddie" Englesby and WO Sarginson cover off the mortar cell while Capt Gentles, WO Whitebone, and WO Corriveau are still trying to implement the new Eryx system. Do yourself a favour do not ask the Eryx boys; "just why did we buy a system that is as good as the old Carl Gustav?" Capt Corbould managed to while away part of his sentence here by going to Kingston, but now "the unwanted one" keeps bouncing around from odd job to odd job down here in HQ Coy, rumour has it he is destined to become the Training Officer but we will see. Keeping Dave company in his current job as a Standards Officer is Capt "is there life after standards?" Mckinstry as well as CWO Forde and WO Bakke. Capt Cliff Trollope rounds out the Infantry School slate as 2i/c of C Coy. What does a 2i/c in the Infantry School do anyway Cliff? The vast majority of the Senior NCOs are employed in C Coy's Small Arms cell which includes a number of them in the Master Sniper cell. They seem to spend their days talking about how to properly sew your own gilly suit and gazing wistfully at sniper magazines. Included in this bunch are WOs Crone, Chase, Treger, Mckay, Westacott, Cutting and Kenny. Of course you cannot overlook Sgts Nault and Wilde.

Then there are the soldiers here in Gagetown whom without all else would fail.



Major Blekatis and Cpl Wilson departing on LOTEP.



Major Blekaitis, CWO Forde and Cpl Wulf on Cpl Wulf's release.

In training aids Cpls Wiper and Gomm help keep the various SMEs and staff weanies to their respective allotment of photocopies, while upstairs Cpl Healy soldiers on as A Coys' clerk. The SQMS has a strong representation with MCpls Pickett and Ransome as well as Cpls Boucher and Vriesendorp. Cpl Vriesendorp at the ripe old age of,....well lets say WELL into his thirties has recently become a new father. Another Patricia joins the ranks to keep the Eastern hoards at bay. The remainder of the Infantry Schools' soldiers are employed at building J1 or Support Company. Demo Pl and Transport are the two largest sub-units with Maint and Ammo bringing up the rear. In Demo Sgt McManus, MCpls Hebert and Delvasto, as well as Cpls



Cpl Daniels at Para Refresher.

Barter, Douglas, Rubia, Snow, and Parks are frequently called out to assume the role of the ever persistent Fantasians for what ever course happens to be running. While in Transport Cpls Bartlett, Brett, Cox, Fudge, Quackenbush, Osmond and Pte Lynch are generally recognized as being the most familiar with the Lawfield Corridor as well as points in between. Maint has the unenviable job of keeping some of the highest mileage vehicles in Canada rolling with Cpls Gallant, Schreoder, Woodside, and Ptes Mauger and Welsh to pound track and conduct the routine maintenance. Ammo with Cpls Walbourne and Murray keep the bombs and bullets moving to the various ranges, no mean feat when you consider the training that is conducted here. Finally in the odd jobs category there is Cpl Mckillop as one of several Barrack wardens. Cpls Lavalliere and Spracklin in Support Company Headquarters keeping their RCR OC on the straight and narrow, and Cpl Massey with the most coveted job of them all, the company "Canteen Queen".



WO Art Chase following his Scan Seminar.

Outside the Infantry School proper, Capt Brink and CWO Vesey continue to test and toy with the latest modification to the armies' various outdated pieces of equipment in Trials and Evaluations. CTC HQ gainfully employs a handful of Patricia's with MWO Lafleur in Range Control, Sgt Dymond in the Armour School, although they did deny having him when I recently called over. Newly promoted Cpl Wightman toils away in the Pam library while Cpl Greer has the unenviable task of squiring around the Base RSM in his role as the RSMs driver. There is not a big rush by the other soldiers at CTC to replace him at this job.

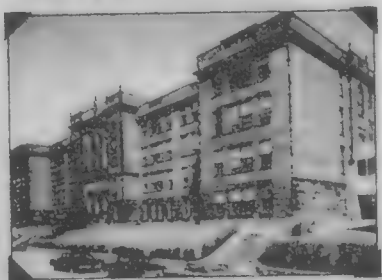


WO Chase conducting Para Refresher.



WO Hulan (2 PPCLI) attending 6B. "I'm smiling because all you Gagetown Patricia's have to live here."

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"...and please let me find an extra round or two laying in the grass... Amen"



MGen H.C. Pitts - Col of the Regt presents the trophy to OC IPPCLI Rear Party - Maj J.G. O'Brien and MWO B.R. Mills.



"What position was I suppose to adopt?"



Back Row (L-R) Maj T.B. Stinson - RM, LCol J. Lockyer - CO of the BTL Sch, Capt K. Flowers - RADJT, and Mr. D Best-President of the PPCLI Association.

Center Row (L-R) LCol G.W. Nordick, RSM P. Ballam, and CWO G.M. Descoteaux.

Front Row (L-R) Maj J.G. O'Brien, MGen H.C. Pitts - Col of the Regt, and MWO B.R. Mills.

5PPCLI

By Joe Erdmann and Rick Lawrence

In August, RHQ received a letter from a group in the U.S. requesting assistance on verifying uniforms authenticity and detail of World War I Patricias. As it turned out, this group was serving the interest of us all through preserving the tradition of Regiment for the period 1914-1918. In subsequent correspondence, the organizers of the group were asked to provide a submission for the Patrician. Here is their contribution.

Greetings Patricias! We are members of the Great War Association, a group dedicated to keeping alive the memory of World War One and its veterans by holding living history displays and battle re-enactments. We wanted to portray a Canadian Unit in order to show what an important contribution Canada made to the allied war effort. When the time came to decide upon a unit, the choice was obvious. We chose the PPCLI because of its unique formation, battle honours, and the fact it drew its members from all over Canada. We maintain strict authenticity requirements for uniforms, equipment and personal appearance. Reproduction uniforms and equipment are available.

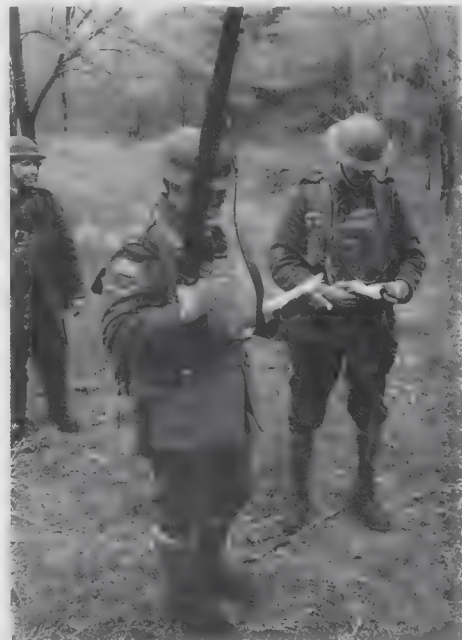


Some of our equipment.

1994 was our first year as a unit. We worked on organization and recruiting; a battle re-enactment at Rosemount, Minnesota; a living history display for Armed Forces Day at Fort McCoy, Wisconsin; and various other displays around the Midwestern U.S. For 1995, we are planning on attending several major battle re-enactments and living history displays. We are also in contact with a Canadian film company and may be participating in the production of a documentary on Vimy Ridge as a result of this contact.



PPCLI re-enactor awaits a German attack.



PPCLI re-enactor studies captured German Documents.

Anyone with information on WW I Patricias, or anyone wishing to become involved in re-enacting, can contact Joe Erdmann at 612-831-4266, 3307 Canterbury Drive, Bloomington, MN 55431, USA.

PATRICIA'S NORTH

Another year has rocketed by here in the land of the noon hour dusk (only in summer do we get midnight sun). We still have the same mob as last year here in Yellowknife, consisting of Captain Paul Chura (G3 Rangers), Warrant Officer Blair Neatby (Ranger WO) and Sergeant Clay Rankin (Ranger Instructor) holding up the ranger side of the house. Warrant Officer Colin Bokovay continues as the lone Patricia Cadet Instructor working in the cadet cell. In Whitehorse, Ol' Andy (still a hairbag) Anderson has resurfaced as a Ranger Sergeant. Capt Ray Schuler (LOG), once a Patricia Private when Hammy was a major, has left the service once and for all to retire on a homestead near Atlin, BC.



CFSAC Training Haines Junction, Yukon

Left to Right: Capt Ray Schuler, Sgt Clay Rankin, WO (Retd) Andy Anderson, WO Blair Neatby and Capt Chura.

1994 passed with a succession of ranger, LFC and cadet exercises keeping all of us on the road (read tundra) for much of the year. In March, WO Neatby and several rangers worked with the US 10th SF Group during EX Arctic Sabre held in the Yellowknife area. Though initially over confident, conditions quickly persuaded the Americans to take seriously the advice of their hosts. Sgt Rankin managed to handle back to back LFC exs in Gjoa Haven and Taloyoak on top of the normal routine of ranger patrol exs. Frost bitten and worn out, he was always ready to take off on another trip. WO Bokovay's exploits included an expedition to the Patricia monument at Mount Lady Pelly near

Cambridge Bay. He managed to persuade a Strathcona major and a Royal captain to join him, both of whom were scarcely able to conceal their glee at such an honour. Capt Chura travelled the land assessing various exercises including a sovereignty trek to Cobourg Island, 150 Kms from Grise Fiord. As well, he was particularly elated to be involved in the formation of a new youth program in Paulatuk called the Junior Canadian Rangers. For everyone, getting out of the office and on to the land was a high priority.



*WO Colin Bokovay at the Mount Lady Pelly Patricia Cairn
(Note eager Strat and Royal).*

The summer was busy with CFSAC training in Haines Junction, YT and in Ottawa and of particular significance was the visit of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II. The visit marked the first time that Rangers had ever mounted an honour guard of this type with nearly a hundred rangers rounded up and flown "south" to Yellowknife. WO Neatby's adeptness at organizing the move and accommodation made for a smooth exercise and a few grey hairs. Sgt Rankin organized a quarter guard for Her Majesty in Rankin inlet resulting in a "who's on first" routine whenever the question arose as to "who's in Rankin?" Capt Chura used the parade in Yellowknife as an opportunity to discuss the unconstitutionality of the present freeze on pay incentives with Her Majesty. WO Bokovay, using those finely honed recce skills, managed to remain "not seen" during the event. A wanna be blue guy, he was too busy with the cadet flying school. The parade and the rangers were, however, according to the Queen, "very smart".



"Rankin in Rankin" Sgt Clay Rankin with the Queen's arrival guard in Rankin Inlet.



Her Majesty about to jack up WO Neatby for his haircut. Yellowknife 20 Aug 94.



Where the heck are my snowmobile keys??



Damn, it's so cold, my hole is frozen over! Mid afternoon 100 km from Gjoa Haven, NWT.

It is fair to say, though, that we all miss the regiment and look forward to returning. In the meantime, we wish our fellow Patricias all the best and keep our fingers crossed that all of you come back safe from Yugo and elsewhere.



EDMONTON AREA PATRICIA'S



On 6 December local "uniformed" Patricias gathered for a photo session at LFWA HQ. The happy faces (as they appear)

Left to Right are: MWO Bootle Cadet Det, WO Legarie CABC, WO Cowen Cadet Det, LCol Nette CO CABC, Capt Urzinger CFRC, CWO Arndt ACWO, Sgt Anderson, Capt Smith Cadet Det, WO Whitehall CABC, Col Sutherland COS LFWA, Capt Vida LFWA HQ, MCpl Thornton CFSPDB, Sgt Romanko CABC, Sgt Croucher CABC, MWO St Pierre LFWA HQ, MCpl Todd CFSPDB, Cpl Oleksiuk CFSPDB, and Sgt Denkowycz.

1994 saw the departure of Lieutenant-Colonel Bill Bewick as our senior Patricia for the past three years. On appointment to the position of Chief of Staff to Land Force Western Area, Colonel W.G.S. (Bill) Sutherland is now the senior representative in the Edmonton Area.

At a recent luncheon organized by Captain Ian Creighton (LFWA HQ), Colonel Sutherland briefed the attending officers and non-commissioned officers on the organization and role of the Regimental Guard and distributed the calendar of Regimental Events of 1995.

A number of serving Patricia's attended the monthly luncheon of the Edmonton PPCLI Association held on the last Friday of November 1994. It was an enjoyable encounter and both groups appreciated the socializing that brought each other up to date on "what's happening" in the Forces today and of the activities of the Association.

Plans are well underway for the 17th March activities in the Edmonton area. MWO St Pierre promises that it will be consistent with our long standing traditions of games, cheers and comradeship.

LFWAHQ PATRICIA'S

By WO Millman



On March 17, 1994 the Edmonton Patricia's (ERE) participated in our Regimental Birthday celebrations. The day started off with all Patricia's past and present, attending a cake cutting ceremony by LCol Nette at LFWAHQ.

Upon the completion of the cake, coffee and a short Regimental History lesson by MWO St Pierre, we adjourned to the sports field for the traditional Snr NCO/Officer Broom-a-loom game. Although it was a hard fought game, the Officers won 2-0. (Officers cheated using a whole bunch of very young pers)

After the game, all participants went to the Snr NCO mess for a meet and greet, tell some lies, lick some wounds, etc. All in all a day well spent. So until next year, Greetings from all the Patricia's in Edmonton.



Front Row (left to right) Capt Allen, Capt Smith, Capt Vida, MWO St. Pierre, MWO Jacquard, LCol Nette, MWO Pambraun, MWO Bootle, Capt Unzinger, WO Millman

Back Row (left to right) Capt Sears, WO Cowan, Sgt Romanko, Sgt Sheppard, WO Davis, Sgt Croucher, Capt Parent, Capt Martyn, Sgt Hayden



SASKATCHEWAN DISTRICT

Salutation's from the flat lands where the highest feature is man made (Blackstrap Ski Slope). Like the rest of the Regiment, 1994 has been very busy for our members. Unfortunately, our numbers are dwindling because of postings and reductions, the following is a summary:

Postings:

- Out** Capt Mark Campbell to 2 PPCLI
 Capt Chris Barr to 2 PPCLI
 Cpl Marty Gartry to 2 PPCLI and
 Cpl Steve Zivkow to 1 PPCLI
- IN** Capt Mike Gagne to District Headquarters Regina
 MWO Ron O'Connor to MTD Dundurn
 Sgt Alden Friesen to CFRC Regina

Retirement/Release:

Capt Dave Vernon - Release
MWO Don Vardy - Retirement and
Sgt Robert McBeth - Release

Remaining:

WO Max Anderson with the North Saskatchewan Regiment, Saskatoon;
WO George Gerhart with the Royal Regina Rifles Regina;
WO Bill Rideout as an Area Cadet Instructor (Land), Regina, and
Sgt Ken McKenzie with the North Saskatchewan Regiment, Prince Albert.

We were fortunate to gather with the Association again for the annual Regimental Day activities, which were held in Regina this past year. The weather for Broom-i-loo could not have been better with mud ankle deep and water-snow knee deep. Sometimes wonder if the weatherman is a former serving member as the weather has been ideal for each game since we started playing with the Association. The attendance of former members posted to 15 Wing Moose Jaw is growing and hopefully more will join the Association also. They miss the Regiment and their Friends. The next project is to get those who served on United Nations tasks with the Regiment to show and join the Association as well. These numbers are growing substantially with each rotation.

A year in "Saskabush" is not like any other. Here support comes from an air base where they question the need

for 60mm mortar sabots or insect repellent but see a greater need for cap badges on Air Force blue toques. Actually things can be good when we have a chance to talk with the support base personnel. Stereo types exist on both sides like anywhere else so effort is sometimes needed to work around them. One of the most challenging jobs is to keep training interesting, progressive and maintain some continuity while the more senior soldiers are away on tasking with the Regiment. The constant turn over is often greater than the Regiment faced during the "boom times" of the late seventies.

During the past year everyone was kept busy planning, supporting and helping to execute a normal training season. This included various exercises, the LFWA Shooting Team and the Battle Schools. The whole focus is on providing the best possible trained and motivated soldiers to support tasks when they are needed. The general quality of Reserve soldiers in "the West" is steadily improving and as more achievable, common and concentrated standards are utilized the more competent they become.

We hope the next year is interesting, fun and above all else safe for everyone. If you are passing through do not hesitate to check in to see in to see what is happening. It is possible quench a thirst though the fog here can be worse than in either BC or the Maritime albeit it is generally self induced. Lastly, the Grey Cup will be in Regina this year so if you can make it do so. There are no fans like Saskatchewan's and this will be a grand party.

PPCLI Association - Saskatchewan Branch

The Gopher Province is alive and well after all. Our news is always old news, as we only have one "get-together" a year.

We had another good Annual Meeting & Reunion in Regina, March of 1994, with a good turn out of members. The Regular Force members from the three cities again attended and we were able to hold another Broom Ball Game, which was enjoyed by all.

Again this year we had two of our "older" members play, Sammy Hurford and Wes Kopp. Jim Hayward got injured in the 1993 game in Prince Albert, so he abstained this year.

We will be holding our Annual "get-together" in Saskatoon on the weekend of March 17 - 18, 1995, at the Holiday Inn. By the time the "Association March Newsletter" comes out, it will be over with so will have to send news from it in for the October issue.

Our Branch was again well represented at the 80th Anniversary, in Calgary, last July, and was enjoyed by all, I am sure.

Our member from Moose Jaw, Sid Carignan, I know really enjoyed himself, as both his Units were in attendance. He was able to visit with buddies from Korea; one platoon buddy from WWII and others from that era; so that made these celebrations extra special.

Our Branch donated \$100.00 to the Saskatchewan WWI Memorial to be erected in Regina. Our past-President and now Vice-President West, Lloyd Jones, was very instrumental in raising the money for this.

Over Christmas, Mona & I were pleasantly surprised to receive a phone call from Doug McNeil of Calgary; who was in town visiting his mother. We were able to round up a number of members and had a get-together on Dec 26. Those who came to visit with Doug were: Vince Pelletier, "Mo" Desjarlais, Wes Kopp, Paul Fox, Lloyd Jones, Harvey Stewart and Ken Garbutt. Most of their ladies also attended.

This is the last year of my two year term as President, so will probably be the last time you hear from me, but it has been enjoyable.

Kingston Patricia's

Members of 1st Canadian Division, Headquarters Staff trial the new Infantry Fighting vehicle, which, apparently, is not to be equipped with a senior officers' GPS



Left to Right: Capt Doug Delaney, Col Vince Kennedy, Maj Jim Trick, and Sgt. Green.

Borden Patricia's

Hello Army of the West! The primary purpose of this article is to ensure that we in Borden are not forgotten in the vast expanse of the land called ERE. Secondly, it is to let family and friends know we are well and working hard. It's cheaper than sending Christmas cards.

Some of our Borden Family are anticipating a possible return to the fold this summer. Capt Gary O'Sullivan should be escaping the chains of EA to the Base Commander and Sgt Chris Waugh is eagerly awaiting return to the Second Battalion. Chris was coordinating everything at the Canadian Forces Academy of Leadership and Language and when this was not challenging enough they added on the Training Development and PERI schools. Some call it challenge and some call it opportunity, either way it worked and he has earned his return to Battalion life.

Sgt Joe Wiebe and Sgt John Brooks are learning that Base Ops Borden is more than running ranges for the troops. Borden is used by every police unit in Southern Ontario, the 11 schools on base, film crews from TSN, and companies wanting to teach executives how to think as soldiers. Sgt Wiebe is fitting in so well that he has his own business cards, computer and rolodex. Plenty of variety and never a dull moment.

MWO Larry Surridge and WO Derek Bisson are at the Canadian Forces Nuclear, Biological and Chemical School. They run some interesting courses and provide the regional response team. It is easy to keep a student's attention when you have the real contaminant in the class.

WO Carl Skinner is an instructor with the Senior Leader Course so those of you expecting to get the course should have sent Christmas cards already. Carl is keeping fit and was seen running the hills of Cape Breton this summer with the first place military team at the Cabot Trail Relay. Sgt Ron Dearing is RSS with the Grey and Simcoe Foresters in Barrie and, while technically he belongs to LFCA Toronto, we count him in the Borden Patricias.

We are still working hard and having fun. If you have to go ERE, Borden's not a bad place to be.

VP.



CABC Patricia's



Rear Rank: (left to right) WO Whitehall, Sgt Croucher, WO Legarie, Sgt Romanko and Sgt Anderson.
Front Rank: (left to right) Capt Allen, LCol Nette, Capt Morton and Capt Reeves.

The past year has seen some changes around the Canadian Airborne Centre (CABC) with the move of the Air Force to other bases in Canada. The main change was the number of Basic Parachutist courses which are conducted at the school. The number of courses decreased, but the training momentum stayed at a high level.

The largest percentage of Patricias at CABC are found in Parachute Training Company (PTC). This group includes Captains Allen, Morton and Reeves, Warrant Officer Whitehall, and Sergeants Croucher, Towell, Sheppard, Anderson, Kenkowycz, Romanko and Gillis. Other Patricias in CABC are the Commanding Officer, LCol Nette, WO Legarie in the Aerial Trials and Evaluation Section, and Sgt Hillier in Aerial Delivery Training Company.

As well as conducting the Basic Parachutists courses, CABC also ran Jump Master, Military Freefall Parachutist, Rappel Master, Parachute Instructor, Drop Zone Controller, Basic Helicopter Operations, Aerial Delivery and the ever popular Mountain Operations Instructor Course.

Aside from instructing the courses at CABC the Patricias at the school have been involved in many other activities throughout the year. Exercise Diamond Divide 94', a 150km ski mountaineering exercise saw five Patricias on the six man team, as well as the Combat Control Competition in the US had three Patricias out of four members of the Canadian team from CABC. Patricias from CABC also participated in the joint Canadian, United States and Russian

Search and Rescue Exercise in Alaska.

The next year for CABC will prove to be more challenging for all members of the school as elements are split between Edmonton and Trenton and many new challenges are met and dealt with in an aggressive manner.

AIRBORNE!

PATRICIAS AT THE WORLD MILITARY BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS



As is the custom, the Regiment was well represented at the 40th annual CISM (Conseil International du Sport Militaire) Basketball Championships held in Seoul, South Korea from 26 May to 7 June 1994. While Patricias played key roles on the team, the other Regiments were, as usual, unable to field participants.

Corporal Mike Jackson of the Second Battalion and Captain Mike Minicola of CFB Calgary were this year's representatives, counting for a disproportionate amount of the team scoring while also providing the backbone of the team's physical play. Furthermore, their presence in the Korean theatre was a sufficient enough deterrent that tensions between the North and South were temporarily calmed during their stay. Some say coincidencesome say not.

The trip also allowed, due to the generosity of the Canadian Military Attache, Colonel R.A. Acreman, for a visit to the Commonwealth and Kapyong war memorials, as well as a tour of the Joint Security Area at Panmunjom.

VP.



2701 PPCLI CADET CORPS

by C/Sgt A. Fortier



Cpl Borigard misses at sports tabloid

The past year has been a busy and eventful one for this cadet corps, as well as a winning year for all. In January, the Unit was presented the P.P.C.L.I. Association Best P.P.C.L.I. Cadet Corps (in Canada) Trophy for the 5th year running. The cadets participated in many exercises and sport meets, were well represented on the National level at the National Star Certification Exam (NSCE) and by the rifle team. The Unit also was involved in many fund raising ventures that helped to keep the Cadet Corps as active as always.

The training year included a variety of field and garrison training. The year began with Exercise Getting Started, garrison training geared to prepared the NCM's for the year's training. Many exercises were conducted in the field, such as Exercise Kit Grip in Richer, Manitoba, an introduction to fieldcraft for the new cadets, Exercise Stomp Express in Shilo, Manitoba, where the cadets learned map and compass, patrolling and sentry duty; and Exercise Trigger Finger in Shilo, Manitoba, a weekend spent on the range shooting the FN-C1A1. Garrison training included Exercise Confidence, the ground school for abseiling where the cadets also did a bit of tower abseiling; Winter Indoctrination, to teach the cadets basic tent routine and dressing for the environment; a CPR course with 15 cadets attending and all passed; and wall climbing throughout the year. The cadet corps was very busy with all these activities, and all the cadets had a great time in their training.

The cadet corps had the opportunity to participate in two major sports meets during the year. First there was Manitoba Army Cadet League's Sports Tabloid, a sports competition for cadet corps in Manitoba and North Western Ontario. Sports Tabloid is a meet with many events ranging from basketball shoot to relay races and volleyball. The weekend of sports ended with an Appreciation parade, where the corps received third place for the Meet. The second was the annual sports meet against 191 Air Cadet Squadron, a good-natured sports meet planned and organized by senior cadets. This meet included various team events such as floor hockey and volleyball. When it was all over, this cadet corps was named the winner, and awards were given for sportsmanship. The Unit has once again excelled in sports.



"THE GANG"

This year the Corps was well represented as NSCE, which is a national exam given to cadets at the end of their fourth year of training. All the cadets from Manitoba who were being tested spent a weekend together, and were tested on many cadet subjects, Map and Compass, Physical Fitness and Fundamental Training being just a few. Our own MCpl McInnes placed third overall for Manitoba.

Another good showing at all levels was the Rifle team, coached by Lt. Kiecker and Mr. C. Tworek. The Rifle Team shot at the Buffalo Shoot, a provincial match leading to the Nationals, and placed first. The representatives at this competition were CWO Sklepowich, Sgt Perry, Sgt McGregor, MCpl Tworek and Cpl Huzel. All of the competitors shot well. Upon winning the Buffalo Shoot, the next stop for the team was the Nationals. The Corps representatives at the Nationals were CWO Sklepowich, Sgt Perry, Sgt McGregor and Cpl Huzel. The team did well and placed eighth in Canada. The team shot well all year and the Unit is very proud of their accomplishments.



"Trigger Finger" Sgt McGregor - Final cleaning of the CIs.



NEG 18 Sgt Salter instructs on Unit History

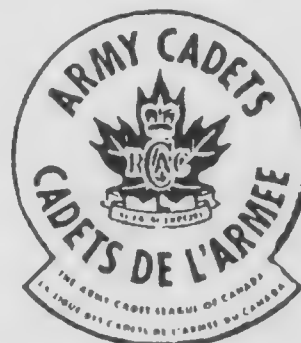
Our Unit Band and Drum line were very public this training year. The drum line did many performances, such as the Tache Nursing Home and Mess Dinners for the Second Battalion. The band played on many parades and was very good. One of the Band members, MCpl Liggs was chosen to play with the Honour Band, which toured Western Canada during April. The Band and Drum line did well all year.

The Unit also participated in many fund raising ventures. The first was the Manitoba Army Cadet League Tag Day, which is a joint effort by cadet corps in Manitoba to raise money. The Corps helped our sponsor, the Kiwanis Club of St. James with their fund raising, such as the Kiwanis Coke Castle, where eight cadets helped at four malls, the Kiwanis TV Auction, which had two staff members and four cadets on TV, and working at lots during the Red River Exhibition for parking. The Kiwanis Club is greatly appreciated for their donations to the corps. The final big fund raiser for the year was delivering telephone books to a large area of Winnipeg. The Corps really came together and delivered thousands of phone books. In general, the corps did well on many of its fund raising ventures.

The past training year was very eventful, and the Unit has a lot to be proud of. The year was concluded by the Units' Annual Inspection, where the Corps placed third in Manitoba and North Western Ontario with a very strong showing. The many events were very well prepared and in the end, everyone had a great time. The cadets have a lot to be proud of, and a special thanks goes out to Cpr R. Burke and Cpl D. Blanchard of 2 PPCLI for all their volunteer time.



Maj Hofman and RSM McCarthy inspect cadets at annual inspection.





THE 2943 ROYAL CANADIAN ARMY CADET CORPS



Our new drum line. (We even won a Trophy)

The 2943 Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps located in Campbell River, British Columbia has just completed its 18th year of operations. The Corps held seven weekend exercises in the local area. Thirty cadets attended our annual Operation Visible Warrior exercise with the 3rd Battalion at Work Point Barracks. During this exercise the cadets were acquainted with the Battalion's wheeled and tracked equipment. The cadets had the opportunity to familiarize themselves with the Battalion's mortars and weapons. After dark, the cadets, under the supervision of members of the 3rd Battalion conducted a night patrol exercise using night vision equipment and thermal imaging equipment.



*"How much did you say you will sell this for?"
(Ex Visible Warrior at Work Point)*



*"What Cadets Do Best"
(Mess hall at Work Point Barracks during EX Visible Warrior)*

2943 RCACC continues to do well in their shooting program, last year placing first out of 41 cadet corps in the recreation shooting program. The corps also participated in the BCRA and DCRA shooting programs. For the third year in a row, the corps had a member on the Bisley shooting team. This year MCpl Jason Kristianson qualified for the prestigious honour of representing the Canadian cadet movement at Bisley.



1993/94 Rifle Team First in B.C.

Cadet Sgt Sol Lancashire was the Pacific Region Top Gold Star candidate during a week of testing in Victoria. As a result of this outstanding performance Sgt Lancashire was awarded a six week Outward Bound course in Wales. During this course the cadets were trained in mountaineering and orienteering. The cadets then spent ten days at British Army cadet camps, where they were taught section tactics and platoon tactics using light section weapons.

Towards the end of the course the cadets participated in a cultural tour of Britain.



The CSM - Always doing it the hard way.

2943 finally got a drum line off the ground. After two years of trying to get a band going we finally acquired enough equipment, uniforms and expertise to make it work. Thanks to people like WO Greg MacNally, Cpl Steve Willie and Pacific Region Music Director, Capt Tina Trick who gave us a big push, we made it work. With the kind permission of LCol DL Thomas, Regional Cadet Officer, our drum line attended the PacReg Band Competition in their scarlet uniforms.



"Isn't it fun living in a Rain Forest?"

12 June, 1994, 2943 RCACC held its 18th Annual Inspection. Major W Saunders, DCO 3 PPCLI was the inspecting officer. Following the inspection a parent-cadet awards banquet was held. At this banquet, Cadet Sgt Sol Lancashire was informed that he had won the Major-General Howard Award as the best Army Cadet in British Columbia. This award was presented to Sgt Lancashire on his return from Britain at CFB Petawawa on the 12th of August, 1994.



Camping by a Glacier during a D & E 5 Day Hike



"Yer lucky. Yer learnin' a trade."

3003 BATTLE RIVER ARMY CADET CORPS EDGERTON, ALBERTA



Provincial Shooting Champions - 1994

Back row left to right : Capt EDR Belanger, Sgt C. Fleming and Cpl D. McEachern

Front row: Cpl J. Craig, Cpl S. Stone and Cpl A. Belanger

The #3003 Battle River Cadets of Edgerton, Alberta had a very busy 1993-1994 year. We held parades on Wednesday nights from 1900 hrs to 2130 hrs and conducted at least one exercise per month.

To lead off in September, the senior cadets took part in a canoeing weekend at Lac La Biche. In October, the whole Corps travelled to Lac La Biche for a fieldcraft weekend. November consisted of Poppy Day in Chauvin, Remembrance Day services with the Paradise Valley cadets on Nov 10, and the corps helping the Legion with services in Edgerton and Chauvin on Nov 11. To end the month, we held a range day and a movie night. In December we had a range weekend to commence our Dominion of Canada Rifle Association (DCRA) shooting and our Det mail-in shooting. Our Christmas party followed, which consisted of shooting for the day, supper at the cafe in Edgerton, and bowling at the Camp Wainwright bowling alley.

January kicked off with a range weekend as we continued the DCRA and Det mail in shooting. This resulted in some of the cadets receiving Cross Rifles and Cross Rifles and Crown. Promotions were also given at this time. In February we canvassed Wainwright for donations for our Supper and Games Night. We travelled to Macklin for a sports weekend, which consisted of snow golf, dog sled

racers, smooching, tug-of-war, broomball, rifle shooting, survival and obstacle course. We ended the day with a dance in the evening. Fun was had by all. Our corps was informed that the shooting team was to shoot in the Provincial shoulder to shoulder competition, so the team spent a weekend practising.

The Provincial shoulder to shoulder was held at Edgerton in March. We won the competition, which sent the team to Ottawa for the National shoot. Next came our Supper and Games Night is our major fund-raising event for the year, so we were happy to have the kind of turn-out from the public that we had. The range team practised for a couple of weekends; then during the last weekend of March, the whole corps was on the range again. Early April found our shooting team in Ottawa at the National Shoot. At this time we would like to say thank you once again to the PPCLI Association and the PPCLI Battle School for providing the Cadets with sweat suits that were used as shooting uniforms for the National Competition. At the end of the Easter holidays, the corps travelled to Calgary to visit the Regimental Museum and the Calgary Zoo. To finish off the month, we held our NF classification weekend at Camp Wainwright, with Turtleford Army Cadets joining us.



Provincial Shooting Champions with Trophy

Left to Right: Cpl A. Belanger, Cpl D. McEachern, Sgt C. Fleming and Cpl S. Stone (missing Cpl J. Craig)



May started off with our annual parade, where Area Cadet Adviser (ACA) WO S. Cowan presented our Corps with awards for top team in the .22 calibre division and top team in the air-rifle shoot division in the det mail-in competition. Two of the cadets also received awards for the top shot .22 calibre and top shot air-rifle in the Det mail-in shoot. We took part in Decoration Day, decorating the Veteran's graves in Edgerton. We then helped out at the Edgerton Flea Market, and the Gun Rally for Responsible Firearms Owners of Alberta in Wainwright. Our Annual Challenge weekend was held June 3-5, with approximately 110 Cadets representing 66 Cadet Corps. Events included: fun shoot, triathlon (run and shot, first aid and bushcraft), fun sports such as blind volleyball, and a serious range competition. The BRACC range team won the range competition and the sports competition, while Cadet Sgt Dufault from Lac La Biche won the top shot.

"The Corps or team that holds the shield can be challenged at any time by any other Alberta Army Cadet Corps".

July 2 saw the cadets assisting the town of Edgerton with their Fair days by holding a pancake breakfast. During the summer, local training was suspended and we sent 13 of our cadets to Summer camp for various training including the basic Cadet Course and Cadet Leader Instructor Course.

The training year kicked off again on September 1, 1994. Our first exercise took place September 16-18 at the local Fish and Game Association Range with 28 cadets from Lac La Biche in attendance. Saturday was used to conduct range practice and on Sunday we went rappelling at Camp Wainwright. Our next exercise was a bushcraft camp-out on Oct 7-9 at our own exercise site. Oct 26 saw a visit from our ACA WO S. Cowan, who at the time presented the corps with the Most Active Corps award for the 93094 training year. He also presented cadet Sgt C. Fleming with the Galer Haggerty award for the top shot in Alberta, as determined by the DCRA National Shooting Competitions Association. Also at this time, the Alberta Army Cadet Marksman Challenge Shield was presented for competition by Mr. Roy Ellison. On Oct 29 and 30 Lac La Biche travelled to Edgerton to challenge us to a shooting competition for the AACMCS. Battle River defended the shield on Oct 30, and is still the proud owner of the Shield.



WO Cowan (ACA) presenting Capt E. Belanger with Most Active Cadet Corps Award.



WO Cowan presenting Sgt Fleming with Galer Haggerty Award.



Lac La Biche and BRACC Rappelling at Camp Wainwright 18 Sept, 94.



MCpl D. McEachern and MCpl P. McNaughton teaching how to cam up.

3003 Battle River Cadet Corps thanks the PPCLI Battle School and Camp Wainwright for their continued support.

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THE SOLDIER

HE MAY STAND ALONE, BUT IS NEVER ALONE
IN A CROWD HE MAY BE LONELY
HE IS A SOLDIER
OFTEN DEJECTED BY THE SOCIETY HE SWORE TO PROTECT
HE GIVES HIS ALL
HIS ARMOUR PROTECTS HIM FROM THE ENEMY'S ARROWS
A DULLED CONSCIENCE FROM THE ARROWS OF THE MASSES
HE IS HARDENED TO THE ACT OF KILLING HIS FELLOW MAN
YET SOFT FOR A FALLEN BROTHER IN ARMS, A CHILD'S TEAR
HE IS NOT WITHOUT GUILT
BURNED BY THE EVERLASTING FLAME OF MEMORY
THOUGHT OF AS A HERO, OR AN EVIL BEING
HE HAS SHED TEARS, FOR COMRADES, LOSS OF LOVE
AND THE INNOCENT
A THOUSAND TIMES HE ASKS
WHY?
HE IS A SON, A BROTHER, A FATHER
HE IS A MAN
YET IS OFTEN TREATED AS SUB HUMAN
HE KILLS NOT OF HIS MIND
BUT RATHER FOR THE MINDS OF HIS SOCIETY
WHICH HURTS MORE, THE WOUNDS OF BATTLE
OR WOUNDS OF WORDS
INFLECTED NOT TO THE BODY
BUT TO THE HEART AND MIND
HE IS OF THE WARRIOR CLASS
SEPARATE AND DISTINCT
HE BECAME WHAT HE IS
TO PROTECT AND PRESERVE HIS SOCIETY
HE HAS ANSWERED THE CALL TO TAKE UP ARMS
TO TAKE LIFE OR LOSE HIS OWN
HE IS NOT A MERCENARY, TO ACCEPT BLOOD MONEY
BUT INSTEAD HE FIGHTS FOR IDEALS
HIS PAY IS SMALL, HIS TASK IS LARGE
HE APPRECIATES THE FEW THAT APPRECIATE HIM
FOR WHAT HE IS, WHAT HE DOES
STEREOTYPED AND LABELLED
HE CAN ONLY ACCEPT WHAT HIS SOCIETY DOES TO HIM
AND YET HE IS ASKED TO PAY THE GREATEST PRICE
HE DOES NOT WISH TO GO TO WAR
BUT WOULD RATHER AVOID IT
IF CALLED TO FIGHT HE WILL
HE MUST, IT IS HIS DUTY
HE HAS GIVEN HIS WORD
WHAT IS THIS SOLDIER?
A MAN
HE CAN CARE, FEEL, LOVE AND HATE
HE CAN BE WARM, KIND, GENTLE AND CRUEL
HE IS SIMPLY,
A MAN



THE ROYAL GREEN JACKETS

Colonel-in-Chief
The Queen

Colonels Commandant and Honorary Colonels 1995

Representative Colonel Commandant and Colonel Commandant 2RGJ
Major General CBQ Wallace OBE

Colonel Commandant 1RGJ
Major General CGC Vyvyan CBE

Honorary Colonel 4(V)RGJ
Colonel The Lord Nicholas Gordon Lennox KCMG, KCVO

Honorary Colonel 5(V)RGJ
Colonel RJ O'Neill AO

COMMANDING OFFICERS

1 RGJ	:	Lt Col HCG Willing
2RGJ	:	Lt Col NR Parker
4(V)RGJ	:	Lt Col TR Hamilton-Baillie
5(V)RGJ	:	Lt Col RCG Martin

ALLIANCES

Canada : Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry
The British Columbia Regiment (Duke of Connaught's Own)
The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada
The Brockville Rifles
The Royal Winnipeg Rifles
The Royal Regina Rifles

Australia : Western Australia University Regiment
Sydney University Regiment
Melbourne University Regiment

INFANTRY

Fiji : The Fiji Infantry Regiment

New Zealand: 1st Battalion, Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment
6th Battalion (Hauraki), Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment

Pakistan : 2nd Battalion The Frontier Force (Guides)

AFFILIATIONS

1st Royal Gurkha Rifles - formerly 2nd King Edward VII's Own
Gurkhas (The Sirmoor Rifles) and 6th Queen Elizabeth's Own Gurkha Rifles



The Regiment

Royal Visit

Although Her Majesty the Queen was due to visit the Regiment, hosted by 2RGJ in Dover, on Friday 28 October, she was unable to attend due to a severe cold following the State visit to Russia. Instead the Lord Lieutenant of Kent stood in and carried out the duties we had expected her to perform. There is no doubt in anybody's mind that the day was a resounding success, and was the mother of all reunions. Her Majesty has expressed her wish to visit the 2nd Battalion during their preparation training for Northern Ireland in June 1995.

The Regular Battalions

1 RGJ are in Cyprus as one of the resident battalions. They have been there for 18 months, and D Company returned in July from a very successful tour of the Falkland Islands and South Georgia. The Battalion is to go to Jordan for a three week exercise in March 1995 before the next Company Group deploys to the Falklands from July to November 1995.

2 RGJ remain based in Connaught Barracks, Dover, as the AMF(L) Battalion. Their Winter Warfare training will culminate in the battalion moving to Norway between January and March 1995. In May they start Northern Ireland training before they move to Belfast for a two-year residential tour.

The T.A. Battalions

4 RGJ remain NATO roled in support of the ARRC (Allied Rapid Reaction Corps). Under the terms of the T.A. review, they are to lose their combat support company and become a General Reserve Battalion of three rifle companies. Conversely, 5 RGJ, who are based in Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire, are to become a Fire Support Battalion, with two combat support companies, each equipped with 81mm Mortars, MILAN MRATGW and Machine Gun platoons.

1st Battalion Letter

1994 opened for 1 RGJ with a roar as the RAF C130 Hercules left Dhekelia for the deployment phase of Ex Pink Flamingo, a 10-day exercise designed to put together all the training done by the companies for our new role in Cyprus. The exercise was based on an Intervention Operations scenario and revolved around the Battalion deploy-

ment into the field by air, a work up phase by Companies, a Hostage Rescue mission, a withdrawal and finally extraction by landing craft. The result was a varied and demanding exercise which was blessed with excellent weather. We then held a Battalion Skill-at-Arms Meeting where many new marksman were identified. CSgt McKenzie was selected for the Queen's Medal competition at Bisley (which has replaced the old Regular Army SAA competition) where he came in the top 50 in the Army.

D Company Group (230 all ranks) formed up in April and set off for the South Atlantic to provide the Reinforced Infantry Company of the Falklands and South Georgia Garrison. Their four month tour ended in mid July, by which time they had benefitted from the excellent training opportunities offered by the Falklands and tours of the 1982 battlefields.

Meanwhile back in Cyprus training and opportunities continued apace. C Company visited Jordan on a most successful military and diplomatic exercise climaxing in a Battalion live firing attack conducted jointly with a Jordanian Company. After an exercise in Kuwait had to be cancelled at very short notice we have managed to arrange a battalion exercise in Jordan for March 1995. A recce has just been conducted for a company exercise in Morocco for B (Support) Company in Autumn 1995. So maybe there is some truth in the recruiters cry - join the Army and see the world!

Adventure training has had a high priority and the Signal Platoon went to Crete for some canoeing, trekking and mountain biking. They also managed to complete a tour of the 1941 battlefield tracing the action of 9 KRRC (The Rangers). Cyprus remains a fabulous posting for the majority, and if any member of the Patricia's cares to visit, we can show them just how fabulous!

2nd Battalion Letter

(contributed by Capt CV Sattler PPCLI)

The 1994 training year with 2RGJ was exceptionally challenging. The focus of the training was toward the three month AMF(L) exercise in Norway. The initial deployment was to Voss to conduct cold weather familiarisation and then the battalion moved north of the Arctic Circle to conduct Ex Arctic Express 94.

In April, the Mortar Platoon deployed to Baumholder, Germany, for a month to attend the AMF(L) Mortar Concentration. Mortar Platoons from Germany, the USA, Luxembourg and the Netherlands also participated. The Greenjackets had a particularly strong showing, winning the March and Shoot, and placing third in the Live Fire Competition. July and August found the battalion running



the UKLF Milan Anti-Tank concentration for 5 weeks. For this I found myself as a DS/OC for the TACEX on which fifteen Anti-tank platoons spent two weeks cycling through the various stands.

The other highlight of July was an invitation to Buckingham Palace for a garden party with Her Majesty. Yes, the Queen, me and about 5000 other guests. I was also fortunate enough to attend a small church service at St. Mary's, Dover Castle, with the Queen Mother. September saw my attendance on the UKLF Combined Arms Tactics Course. This is comparable to ITC 2 and the Company Commander's Course at Gagetown. Perhaps the startling difference is a complete company of Warrior, another of FV 432 (tracked APC), two squadrons of Chieftain, full Engineer support and loads of helicopters to play with!

November and December found me travelling through England, Wales and Germany. Battalion HQ, Company Commanders and Battalion key players participated in the Brigade and Battle Group Trainer in Catterick. Next was a 5-day computer automated exercise in Heidelberg with the AMF(L). To end the year's travel, I went to Castlemartin in Wales to watch some of the annual live fire evaluation of Recce Platoon.

My time with the Royal Green Jackets is rapidly approaching its conclusion. I have had the privilege of commanding C Company for three months, B Company on the AMF(L) exercise, and Support Company for over a year. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time on exchange and have only the highest praises for the opportunities that have been afforded me by the Royal Green Jackets.

4th Battalion News

Annual Camp was spent this year in Garelochhead, consisting of a week of adventure training, field firing and dry training, followed by the Battalion Exercise. This comprised an amphibious assault after a few high speed runs around the loch, courtesy of the Royal Marines' rigid raiders followed by a 15 km advance to contact which culminated in the CO coming under fire as point man, having just been assured that there were two companies ahead of him.

That attack was Lt Col Peter Luard's last as he handed over to Lt Col Tom Hamilton-Baillie in November. In the interim the Battalion sent members to participate in exercises with 24 Airmobile Bde in Catterick (UK) and the ARRC in Germany.

The Battalion Skill-at-Arms Meeting was shared with 5 RGJ, although the prizes (except for the Falling Plate) weren't. This cooperation will likely be more common in the future as we re-role to a General Reserve Battalion and will rely on 5 RGJ for our support weapons.

5th Battalion News

With a new CO comes a new role. Lt Col Robert Martin took over from Lt Col Tim Corry in May, and now we are to become a Fire Support Battalion, with two heavy weapons companies. This will take up the bulk of our training next year as we convert riflemen into mortarmen, machine-gunners and MILAN operators.

Within South-East District, the Battalion has done well with the Shooting Team and the Soccer Team both qualifying for the Nationals. The Soccer Team managed to make the quarter-finals and the Shooting Team performed very well at Bisley, bringing home several trophies and two members were selected to represent the T.A. against the US National Guard in America.

Annual Camp was the last we shall have in our present role, and was held at Dartmoor, where we held Sniper, Signals and Jr NCO Cadres. The second week saw the RSM run an inter platoon competition before we finished off with a four-day Battalion exercise.

Finally, the Waterloo Band (the only fully Greenjacket band remaining) have had an excellent season. They toured Germany for two weeks and represent the Battalion at several events each month. Next year they plan to take part in the Queen's Birthday parade in Cyprus.



IN MEMORIAM

ANTRIM, Orville	Korea	21 August, 1994	Dawson Creek, BC
BADGLEY, Edward	WW II	27 May, 1994	Oshawa, ON
BAUER, John	PPCLI	In 1993	Kerrisdale Br, Van
BAUMLER, E.R. Ernie	WW II	06 September, 1994	Winnipeg, MB
BELANGER, Charles(Padre)	PPCLI	07 September, 1994	Ottawa, ON
BOYD, Sydney A.	PPCLI, WW II	01 April, 1994	Beachville Br, ON
CLARK, Charles J.	WW II	16 November, 1993	Victoria, BC
COATES, Donald K.	Korea	02 April, 1994	Carleton, ON
DEFALCO, C.M. (Cammy)	Korea	10 September, 1994	Arnprior, ON
DUNLOP, William E.	WW II	13 September, 1993	Winnipeg, MB
ELLIS, Edwin R.	WW II	27 February, 1994	Neepawa, MB
ENOKSON, Edward	PPCLI	29 January, 1994	Edmonton, AB
ESPEY, Harvey W.	PPCLI, WW II	03 August, 1994	Rivers Br, MB
GILES, John	PPCLI	05 March, 1994	Winnipeg, MB
GOODMAN, Lionel B.	PPCLI	27 June, 1994	Swift Current, SK
GUNN, H. (Pidge)	Korea	05 August, 1994	Broadview, SK
HATELY, Samuel H.	WW II	18 February, 1994	Maderia Pk, BC
HOPTON, Kenneth Elwood	Korea	20 September, 1994	Winnipeg, MB
HOWARD, W.L.	WW II	07 April, 1994	Kingston, ON
HRADEC, Frank	WW II	09 October, 1993	Prince Albert, SK
LANGLEY, Edwin R.	WW II	20 November, 1993	Sidney, BC
MADEN, Wilfred	WW II	27 May, 1994	SW ON Branch
MCDOWELL, Allan F.	WW II	02 March, 1994	Lethbridge, AB
MONTMINY, Jean E.	Korea	19 June, 1994	Tilbury, ON
MURRAY, Garnet L.	WW II	15 March, 1994	Olds, AB
NICKLE, J.E. (Jack)	1 PPCLI	15 August, 1994	Calgary, AB
NICOLAK, William	PPCLI	In May	Acton, ON
PAEZNAK, W. (Bill)	WW II	14 August, 1994	Winnipeg, MB
READMAN, John L.	WW II/Korea	21 October, 1993	Warminster, ON
REILLY, W. (Wilf), MM	WW II	12 August, 1994	Winnipeg, MB
WELLS, W.B. (Bill)	WW II	05 March, 1994	Winnipeg, MB
WELLINGS, R.W.	WW II	19 August, 1994	Winnipeg, MB



